

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday.
Victoria and vicinity: Easterly and southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild with occasional showers.
Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, mostly cloudy and mild with rain.

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WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages, Vaudeville.
Royal Victoria, Arms and the Girl.
Variety, The Antics of Ann.
Dominion, The Cinderella Man.

FOURTEEN PAGES

THOROUGHLY PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EDUCATION CONFERENCE

on J. D. MacLean Sponsors Addition of Civics and Canadian History to High School Curricula; Promotion by Examination Modified on Sensible Lines

Arising out of the recent two-day conference participated in by thirty-one British Columbia representatives of the scholastic profession and presided over throughout by the Hon. J. D. MacLean, Minister of Education, many important recommendations for the improvement of the High School curricula will come under the immediate consideration of the Provincial Department of Education. In a general resume of the proceedings authorized for publication by the Minister this morning, among other desirable changes foreshadowed is proposed to have the matriculation examination—over High School leaving—in future under the control of a Department. It is also the intention to have a Matriculation Board composed of the Superintendent of Education and representatives of the British Columbia University and High Schools. One of the functions of the board will be to see that every paper carefully revised before it is placed before the students as a test of their fitness to take up their studies at the university. Failure to pass his final examination will require a student to re-examine himself, since a new plan proposed will require a student to pass each of the principals on a work and standing of each candidate from his school, and upon such record the Examining Board will have power to permit a favorable classroom report to qualify the student for matriculation.

More Optional Courses.
It is also the intention to give more optional courses in the first year of the High School. Elementary science will be the place of the languages, more important than any of the proposed innovations perhaps is the decision to add Civics and Canadian History to the work of the first year in the High School. In view of the changing times of many nations and the ever pressing necessity for the average citizen, whether young or old, to place himself in possession of the elements, at least, of Government, which the history of the Dominion will of a certainty have so important a bearing, this recommendation of the Conference Dr. MacLean reads as vital and essential to the modified and changed curricula. Commercial courses and technical work will be continued as heretofore.

Objects of Conference.
It will be recalled that the invitation to the Conference, which concluded its deliberations late on Saturday afternoon last, were sent out by the Minister of Education more than two weeks ago, the determining factor which was the realization by Dr. MacLean that many changes in the existing curricula were absolutely necessary if the educational functions of the province were to be carried out with the maximum of benefit to the young generation. As a means, to believe that end very careful selection was employed in the matter of the personnel of the Conference. That is why, the Minister was particularly anxious of bringing together a body of educationists representative of all modern plans for the building up of a young mind in the manner demanded by the times, and particularly view of the present unsettled state in its promise of greater demands on the intelligence of the future generation.

Universities Represented.
Every member who took part in the conference, which, by the way, consisted both sexes, was without exception a university graduate, the assembly being thoroughly representative of all classes of High Schools throughout the Province of British Columbia. Universities of Cambridge, Dalhousie, Glasgow, Acadia, Harvard, Manitoba, McGill, McMaster, Queen's, and Toronto, were represented, as well as the Agricultural College of Guelph, one of the number hailed from the University of British Columbia. Dr. MacLean was present at and presided over all sessions. In attendance was Dr. Robinson, Provincial Superintendent of Education.

General Adoption Expected.
The general resume of the proceedings compiled by the Minister of Education deals with the various matters discussed and although the recommendations agreed upon are at the moment tentative, it is practically certain that, with the trimming down of

WAR COMMITTEE OF ITALIAN CABINET HEADED BY PREMIER

Rome, Jan. 1.—A decree creating an Italian War Committee to preside over by Premier Orlando, is published in the official journal. The committee consists of Baron Sonnino, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Signor Meda, Minister of Marine; General D'Alloio, Minister of Munitions, and another Minister to be named by the Premier.

The chiefs of the naval and military General Staffs will sit with the committee in an advisory capacity. The committee does not diminish the activity of the Cabinet.

Picture Sent Over Telegraph Wires in States; 4,800 Miles

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 1.—The sending of a picture of President Wilson from Ogden to New York City and return, a total distance of 4,856 miles, over telegraph wires, was accomplished yesterday afternoon by L. R. Leishman, an Ogden man, who has invented a novel code system and receiving device for decoding. Only 37 minutes was taken for the actual transmission of the picture code and two hours for all the work in connection with the picture, which was received in the presence of city officials.

Mascot of Dresden, Pig, of Benefit to British Red Cross

London, Jan. 1.—"Tirpitz," the pet pig of the German cruiser Dresden, rescued by the men of the British cruiser Glasgow, has been sold for £450 for the benefit of the Red Cross.

NANAIMO STATISTICS.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—There were registered at the Government agent's office here during the past month: 7 deaths, 8 marriages and 24 births. For the first time in many months there were no mineral claims recorded.

ALLIES EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BREST-LITOVSK MOVE; WILL DEAL WITH SCHEME

London, Jan. 1.—The British Government recognizes that the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and new factor of which official cognizance must be taken, says the Daily Chronicle in reporting, as did The Manchester Guardian yesterday, that the British Government intends to return a serious and reasoned reply to the Austro-German peace terms when they are presented officially. The Chronicle adds that Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States already are exchanging views concerning the peace proposals.

London, Jan. 1.—The Petrograd correspondent of The London Daily Mail wonders whether the danger of a separate peace between Russia and Germany is realized in Britain. He says it would be a defeat for the German democratic movement in addition to insuring the virtual enslavement of Russia, as it would be a victory for the military caste in Germany.

"It may mean," he adds, "much more than Russia's neutrality. If we make no move, it seems that the Germans will ask the Russians to help them in enforcing Russia's peace terms on the Entente. Trotsky is well aware of the danger, though faced with the necessity of concluding peace, and is doing his utmost to stimulate a revolution in Germany. Fraternization at the front already has passed beyond the control of the army officers and enormous quantities of revolutionary newspapers printed in German are being distributed."

"I am convinced our only chance of defeating the German designs is to publish terms as near the Russian terms as possible and by taking a powerful hand in the proposed conference, help the democratic movement in Germany, while helping the Russians to force the German Government in the direction it has had to take."

"Whatever party might be in power in Russia would be compelled to conclude peace, and Trotsky's plan is more likely to damage Germany than the plan of any more polite person in his place."

"The nationalization of the banks puts a weapon more powerful than the guillotine into the hands of the government and probably will end much of the present sabotage."

Attitude of Reichstag.

Rotterdam, Jan. 1.—Matthias Erzberger, of the Clerical party in Germany; Frederick Ebert, of the Socialist party; and Herr Fischbeck, of the Progressives, have informed the Berlin correspondent of The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant that the German declaration at Brest-Litovsk is approved unreservedly by the members of the committee of the Reichstag. The members of this committee represent the majority of the parties responsible for the Reichstag peace resolution of July 19 last.

JAPAN NEGOTIATES A LOAN TO CHINA

Will Advance £10,000,000 to Improve Condition of Bank of China

Peking, Dec. 31.—The correspondent here of The Associated Press is informed officially that Japan is negotiating an advance to China of £10,000,000 for the purpose of improving the status of the Bank of China. The negotiations are being carried on with the knowledge of the American, British, French and Russian banking groups in the syndicate which, with Japanese and German representatives, was formed before the war. The terms will be similar to the previous Japanese advance under the conditions of the old reorganization loan, but the other banking groups will not participate, because their Governments prohibit the sending of bullion to China.

Japan will loan the money with the object of exercising control over the currency reform. The Japanese notified the other banking groups that unless they were willing to participate in the loan, it would be negotiated by Japanese interests.

GERMANS SENDING GOODS TO RUSSIA

Ships About to Arrive at Reval; Russian Food Shortage

London, Jan. 1.—The German national delegation at Petrograd, according to the correspondent of The London Daily Mail in the Russian capital, has reached an agreement with the Bolshevik Government for raising the "blockade of the White Sea and for the regulation of maritime commerce, which is expected to begin with the impending arrival at Reval of ships with goods from Germany."

A dispatch to The London Daily Express from Petrograd says that German ships already have free access to Russian waters and the Government is taking precautions to safeguard them from British submarines. The first German fleet is expected before the Russian Christmas, or January 7.

Special dispatches from Petrograd refer again to the subject of the food shortage which, according to the correspondent of The Daily Mail, is steadily becoming more critical. He says the German delegation brought its own food.

Berlin newspaper reports received in Amsterdam say that Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann, while returning to Berlin from Brest-Litovsk, stopped again to confer with the Polish Premier. The Polish Government, it is said, will share in the future negotiations at Brest-Litovsk in an advisory capacity.

Artillery Activity at Points in France is Reported by Haig

London, Jan. 1.—Except for considerable artillery activity on both sides in the neighborhood of Arras, on-Gohelle and southeast of Lens," says an official report regarding the operations in France, issued here to-day, "there is nothing of especial interest to report."

Paris, Jan. 1.—"Spirited artillery fighting occurred in the Champagne near Butte du Mesnil," says to-day's official statement. "A German raid on our small posts southeast of Beaumont was without result. We took prisoners."

"Elsewhere the night was calm."

Berlin, Jan. 1.—Further German gains on the Cambrai front south of Maroing were reported to-day. The War Office announcement follows: "Army group of Prince Rupprecht—At midnight the artillery fire increased at Moulin-Wood and in the vicinity of Fasmuchendaele. A strong British reconnoitring attack south-west of Moulin-Wood broke down. South of Maroing the territory won on Sunday was extended as a result of minor engagements. The number of prisoners was increased by a few officers and 79 men."

BILLION AND THIRD ASKED BY CONGRESS

American Legislators Will Have to Provide Deficiency Appropriation

LARGEST ITEM IS FOR ARMY'S NEEDS

Washington, Jan. 1.—An urgent deficiency appropriation of approximately \$1,333,000,000 for the army, Navy, Food Administration and other Government war work will be asked of Congress. The largest item will be \$1,278,500,000 for the army, including \$700,000,000 for supplies, \$450,000,000 for ordnance and \$128,500,000 for engineers.

The Department of Agriculture will ask for \$5,000,000 for seeds to be sold to farmers, in addition to \$2,500,000 provided for the same purpose in the food survey law.

The Food Administration will ask \$2,000,000 to make a total of \$4,500,000 available for the current fiscal year, in addition to amounts allotted from the President's \$100,000,000 fund.

The Navy already has asked for a \$55,000,000 deficiency appropriation. Besides these deficiency appropriations, the War Department already has asked \$1,122,000,000 additional to the regular estimates.

RELIEF FROM COLD IN EASTERN STATES

Weather Bureau Predicts Rise in Temperature Beginning With To-night

Washington, Jan. 1.—Relief from the cold in the Eastern United States was promised to-day by the weather bureau beginning to-night.

While the east is suffering, the western half of the country, except the Pacific states, is enjoying temperatures from five to thirty-five degrees above the seasonal average. In the south temperatures below freezing are predicted for to-night, extending into Central Florida.

At New York.

New York, Jan. 1.—Despite a slight break in the zero weather that has benumbed New York for three days, the city faced another day of suffering and inconvenience to its business life to-day. The city is scraping its coal bins and the reserve supply is nearly exhausted. Nearly 60,000 tons of coal should have reached the city yesterday, but only 20,000 tons were brought in on the few scows that braved the danger of floating ice in the bay.

The frigid weather and war-time economies combined to dampen the ardor of New York's welcome to 1918 last night. It was largely a subdued indoor celebration.

Instead of the thousands of merry-makers thronging brilliantly lighted Broadway to greet the New Year with tin horns, cowbells and other noise-making devices, as in other years, only a comparatively few braved the chilling wind. War-time menus prevailed at dinners and many establishments placed restrictions on drinking. The 1 o'clock closing hour was enforced. Consequently, when the New Year came into being, fewer corks popped than usual and instead of the usual cheering, the crowds leaped to their feet and sang, "The Star Spangled Banner."

First Minister of Roumania to U. S. is in Latter Country

An Atlantic Port of the United States, Jan. 1.—Dr. Angelesco, who recently was appointed Minister from Roumania to the United States, the first official representative of his nation sent to this country, arrived here to-day on a French steamer. Dr. Angelesco also is head of the special Roumanian War Mission to the United States.

DANCED TO KEEP WARM IN WASHINGTON CITY

Washington, Jan. 1.—Much difficulty has been experienced by the Government during the extremely cold spell of the past three days in heating buildings taken over for temporary war work. In one bureau at certain periods of the day the employees promenaded or danced to the music of a phonograph to restore circulation.

Heat was cut off from the East Room, the other parlors and the state dining room of the White House to save fuel.

FURTHER GAIN MADE NORTH OF JERUSALEM BY ALLENBY'S FORCES

Fresh Progress Reported To-day by War Office in London; More Than 1,000 Turks Were Killed and 750 Captured by British Troops

London, Jan. 1.—British forces in Palestine under command of General Allenby have made further progress along the battleline north of Jerusalem, the War Office here announced to-day. More than 1,000 Turks were killed and 750 were taken prisoner.

The report follows:

"The British line has been still further advanced north of Jerusalem. From Thursday to Saturday, inclusive, we took prisoner 750 Turks, including 39 officers. Up to the present 1,066 enemy dead have been counted."

All Zenson Bend of the Piave Now Held by Italian Troops

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Austrians last night were compelled, in consequence of Italian operations, to abandon the Zenson bridgehead, where they had a lodgment on the western bank of the Piave River, and pass to the eastern bank of the river, the War Office here reports. All the Zenson bend is now held by the Italians.

AMERICAN OUTLAY BELOW ESTIMATES

Less Spent During First Half of Fiscal Year Than Expected

Washington, Jan. 1.—The United States enters 1918 with a national debt of \$5,615,000,000, a sum more than five times greater than when it entered the war nine months ago, but only one-third of the debt which promises to develop by the first of next year. The debt per capita is approximately \$51, and the percentage of the debt to the estimated national wealth is 2%.

A Treasury financial summary, issued to-day for the first time since June 30, shows that the actual disbursements in the first half of the fiscal year have fallen far below the estimates, particularly for the military establishment. An enormous prospective increase in War Department expenses for munitions and materials contracts to be filled in the spring will raise the Government outlays at that time, but officials feel some doubt that the ordinary disbursements will reach the \$12,316,000,000 estimated for the fiscal year ending next June 30.

The actual outlay for military establishment up to December 1 was \$1,211,000,000, and the estimated outlay for the entire fiscal year is \$7,790,000,000. The navy spent \$420,000,000 and the estimate for the year is \$1,300,000,000. Shipping Board expenditures were \$113,000,000, while the year's estimate is \$501,000,000.

Each of these three principal departments has outstanding contracts for which big expenditures will have to be made within the next six months, and the aggregate of these is the uncertain element which makes it impossible to determine precisely how many additional Liberty Bonds must be issued before July 1, 1918.

Great as the national debt seems to this country, whose debt before the war was only a little past the billion-dollar mark, it is only about one-fourth that of either Great Britain, France, Russia, or Germany. The debt of all of this country's co-belligerents is about \$34,000,000,000, or fourteen per cent. of the estimated wealth of those nations, and the Teutonic allies' debt is nearly \$40,000,000,000, or 28 per cent. of their estimated wealth.

ALLIES' GOAL NOW IN SIGHT STATES THE FRENCH PREMIER

Paris, Jan. 1.—Premier Clemenceau has given this New Year's message to The Petit Journal:

"Why have I confidence? Because I know our pollars; because I know their chiefs, clear-sighted and strong; because I know our steadfast allies; because I see the Americans at work; because our enemies have all their hopes of peace in the Russian Maximalists. A few more strong efforts. The road is straight. I sight the goal."

TABLES TURNED ON NORTH ITALIAN LINE

Strong Blow by Heroic French Troops Developed Into a Triumph

Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 31.—Via Rome and London, Jan. 1.—(By The Associated Press).—The magnitude of the achievement of the French troops in the Monte Tomba region grows as full details are received. In addition to 1,348 men, including 44 Austrian officers, several of high rank, made prisoner and seven large guns captured, the booty includes sixty machine guns, several trench quick-firers and a great amount of miscellaneous war material.

But the chief significance of the stroke is the change from defensive to offensive tactics, and the principal feature was the stirring enthusiasm and sureness with which the French delivered their initial blow against the enemy lines. Up to this time the enemy had been on the offensive, with the Italians delivering telling defensive blows. Now, however, the French have turned the scale and the enemy is being attacked in this sector for the first time since he reached the Piave.

Thorough Preparation.
The story of the fighting displays thoroughness of preparation and heroic bravery in execution. The scene was southeast of Monte Tomba, a low snowless mountain just west of the Piave, where the Allied lines turn in the mountain region. Here the artillery preparation began Saturday, but the main bombardment began at noon on Sunday and increased steadily until the enemy was deluged by the French fire. It was then that the crack French infantry swung forward in steady lines from Osteri di Monfenera and Maranzina, a front of two miles. The heaviest forces were on the right wing. Italian and British airmen at the same time attacked the enemy from the air. The struggle was comparatively short and sharp. The artillery had so damaged the enemy positions that he was unable to make any effective resistance. The French losses were small.

Austrian troops made up the entire enemy force engaged, which is taken to indicate that the German contingents are being moved farther west toward the Brenta River. It also has been established that no forces are being moved away from this front, and that no new forces are being brought here.

German Statement.
Berlin, Jan. 1.—Violent artillery duels raged yesterday in the Monte Tomba section of the Northern Italian front, says to-day's War Office statement. (This is the sector of the Italian front where French forces on Sunday made a successful attack.)

FOR U. S. TROOPS.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The Bush terminals at New York were requisitioned for the use of the army yesterday by Maj.-Gen. Goethals, acting quartermaster-general.

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SUGAR CARDS USED BY BRITISH PUBLIC

London, Jan. 1.—This country's first experience with compulsory rationing was had yesterday with sugar. No person could obtain supplies except by card.

Baron Rhonda, the Food Controller, is expected soon to issue an order for a meatless day weekly.

It is understood that a comprehensive plan for the alleviation of conditions among the poor who have been compelled to stand in line for supplies will soon be in full swing.

With the seizure of margarine last week and the introduction of the sugar card system yesterday, the lines of waiting persons in the London district dwindled. The allowance of margarine is four ounces per capita weekly, and of sugar half a pound.

Other measures may be summarized as follows:

Potatoes to be used in the manufacture of bread, to economize in the situation of cereals.

No calves or heifers to be killed, and the sale of veal and lamb to be forbidden.

Curers of bacon and ham to make returns of their output not later than January 10.

ARGENTINE WHEAT FOR THE ENTENTE

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 1.—Announcement is made by the government that arrangements have been nearly completed for selling 2,500,000 tons of wheat to the Entente Allies.

Washington, Jan. 1.—A large portion of 2,500,000 tons of wheat to be released by Argentina to the Allies will be transferred by way of the United States for milling here. It will be brought up in neutral ships, and after milling will be taken across in British vessels. This will keep the neutral ships out of the danger zone, will keep American mills busy and will give to the United States the bran for cattle feed.

LOSS OF TWO VESSELS REPORTED BY LONDON

London, Jan. 1.—The Admiralty announced that the mine-sweeping sloop Arctus and the armed boarding steamer Grive had been sunk, having been torpedoed.

HOHENZOLLERNS AND HAPSBURGS MUST GO

So Said Czech at Meeting of
Teuton Prisoners in
Petrograd

London, Jan. 1.—An Associated Press dispatch from Petrograd quotes Baron Admiral Keyserlingk, former German military attaché at Petrograd and a member of the German peace delegation to Brest-Litovsk, as saying: "The Germans quite frankly desire an honorable peace. The present attitude of Russia's Allies apparently is a bar to this end." The attitude now between Russia and Germany is friendly, not one of enmity. Germany now is waiting to hear the Entente Powers' terms and war aims.

At the meeting of the German and Austrian prisoners of war held in Petrograd Saturday for the purpose of organizing an international propaganda among the prisoners in Russia, a Hungarian officer, Rudniansky, who was elected president, said: "Thanks to the Russian revolution I can speak my innermost thoughts freely. Our first thought now is general peace and freedom for all nations. Let the Russian freedom teach us to obtain a like freedom at home."

The first speaker, a Czech, made a violent attack upon Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, who recently outlined the Austro-German peace terms at Brest-Litovsk, characterizing Czernin's programme of self-definition within the limits of the Austrian constitution as an imperialistic fraud.

"If a separate peace is concluded," he said, "we shall be sent to fight again: the Italians, French and other Allies. That we will not do. There was a yugoslavism of Europe, the Russian Czar, but he was overpowered. There remains another yugoslavism, the Hohenzollerns, too, must be overthrown."

During the meeting Trotsky's official newspaper, The Torch, was distributed freely and eagerly read by the assembly. In the course of an interview, Baron Keyserlingk, discussing the details of the enforcement of an armistice in the White Sea and Arctic Ocean, said that the Russian representatives insisted that Russia must be protected against submarines. Baron Keyserlingk took the position that the Russian fleet must remain inactive, and that movements of German naval supply ships must cease. The Germans asked for three days' recess in order to communicate with Berlin before replying.

A SWISS SENTENCE.

St. Gall, Switzerland, Jan. 1.—Major Maurer of the Swiss army, has been condemned by court-martial to degradation and imprisonment for 18 months for complicity in the smuggling of cotton into Austria and Germany.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT BEATEN BY BRITISH

Haig's Men Frustrated Enemy's
Design Yesterday Morn-
ing on Welsh Ridge

London, Jan. 1.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"This morning, after a short but heavy bombardment, the enemy renewed his attack against Welsh Ridge (Cambrai front) on a front of about 1,200 yards south of Maroing. On the southern portion of the attack some of his troops temporarily forced their way into one of our trenches. They were driven out by our counter-attack. The whole of the trench is now in our hands."

"On the remainder of the front the attack was completely repulsed. Our own and the enemy's artillery, was active during the day at a number of points south of the Scarpe. The hostile artillery also has shown some activity in the Ypres sector."

French Report.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The War Office here issued the following report last night: "The day was marked only by lively artillery actions in the region of the Meuse, in the Champagne and in the sector of Besenval, on the right bank of the Meuse."

"Belgian communication—There has been weak artillery activity on the Belgian front during the last 48 hours. On the afternoon of the 31st the artillery action was rather intense just south of Dixmude. Enemy raiding parties attempted during the night of the 29th-30th to raid some of our advanced positions south of Dixmude, but were repulsed by our fire."

"Army of the East, Dec. 30.—There were artillery actions in the region of Lake Dolan, where British batteries carried out a destructive fire against enemy positions, and northeast of Monastir, where the enemy bombarded our trenches on a front of six kilometres. French airmen dropped bombs on the railroad station at Ghivheil, three kilometres north of Ghivheil."

German Statement.

Berlin, Jan. 1.—An official statement issued here last night said: "Trench fighting south of Maroing ended in our favor."

PADUA BOMBED AGAIN BY TEUTON AIRMEN

The Santo and Old Cathedral
Were Damaged by
Missiles

Rome, Jan. 1.—An official report issued here last night said:

"The enemy becomes more bitter in his bombardment of open cities. Last night some of his airmen returned for a third time over Padua, dropping several scores of bombs. Owing to the arrangements by the authorities, the casualties were only five wounded, including one woman."

"The rich and artistic patrimony of the city suffered severely. The facade of the cathedral was blown down, and the basilica of the Santo and the Municipal Museum were considerably damaged."

Pope Benedict, according to The Osservatore Romano, in addition to sending an expression of regret and sympathy to the bishops of Padua and Treviso, has drawn the attention of the Governments of the Central Empires and of the Austrian Emperor to the raids over those cities. The Pope exhorted them to abstain in the future from such acts, which, while attaining no military end, take numbers of victims and damage churches and art treasures and consequently are unjustifiable by international law.

The Saint Antonio Church commonly called the Santo, is the sepulchral church of St. Anthony of Padua. It has two campanili and seven domes in the Oriental style. This church is visited every year by throngs of pilgrims.

Padua, Italy, Dec. 31.—Via Rome and London, Jan. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The third successive night air raid last night scattered havoc among the famous churches and art monuments of Padua. The front of the Sixteenth Century Cathedral was demolished.

The Santo, or the Basilica of St. Anthony, where the body of St. Anthony of Padua is buried, lost its bronze doors and the sepulchre of St. Anthony was missed narrowly by a bomb. Donatello's famous equestrian statue of General Gattamelata, which stands in the square before the Santo, had been removed to a place of safety but the base, also the work of Donatello, was damaged severely.

The paintings and frescoes in the Santo by Titian and other masters were torn and scratched by the concussion. The rose windows and the renaissance stained glass were shivered to fragments. The building opposite the Santo, where the Guild of St. Anthony issued leaflets to be sent throughout the world, was destroyed. A pilgrimage to the sepulchre of St. Anthony was in progress when the bombs struck the Santo.

The cathedral was struck above the facade, the entire gable and the upper part of the facade falling in the street.

The raiders came at three different times, at 8 and 1 o'clock at night, and at 3 o'clock in the morning. Twenty incendiary missiles were dropped.

An English factory, staffed entirely with Belgians, has turned out its monthly shell.

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APPEAL MADE FOR THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Governor-General Asks Can-
adian Public to Continue
Good Work

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The Governor-General, as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, makes the following New Year's appeal:

"After giving most careful consideration to various suggestions, the executive committee of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, consisting of men representing all parts of the Dominion, unanimously decided to appeal again to the public for voluntary support rather than to ask that the burden be borne by the public Treasury. This conclusion was reached only after all other alternatives had been exhaustively considered. As president of the Fund, I again ask the people of Canada to continue their generous effort to help the families of the gallant men who on land and sea are so nobly defending the Empire and maintaining the principles of liberty and justice. We at home know the sacrifices they are making, and the very least we can do is to give them the fullest assurance that those whom they left behind are well and adequately provided for."

For over three years the Fund, thanks to the support which it has invariably received, has dealt in a thoroughly satisfactory manner with the ever-increasing demands upon it, and I am confident that in the future as in the past we shall regard it not merely as a duty, but as a privilege, to render all the assistance which lies in our power to the cause which we all have so deeply at heart."

TRADE OF STATES.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The exports of the United States were estimated yesterday at the Department of Commerce to have passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than \$3,000,000,000, and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than \$3,150,000,000.

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BEAUTIFYING HOME AT QUAMICHAN LAKE

Duncan, Jan. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys, of Hongkong, who bought Commander Jones's place on Quamichan Lake some months ago, are having extensive improvements made to the grounds under the direction of a Victoria firm. Tennis and other lawns are being made, pools of ornamental water and aquatic plants put in, and the grounds attractively laid out. The place was built by Lieut. John Hirsch a few years ago, and with its 15-acre site him about \$44,000. It has a gentle slope to the east down to Quamichan Lake, and there are some good trees. When the landscape architect has finished his work, it should be one of the most beautiful places of Cowichan. Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys expect to return in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Garrard, of Duncan, are spending a few days in Victoria.

Mrs. W. L. B. Young and her two eldest sons are visiting relatives in Victoria.

Mr. Ashdown T. Green is visiting Duncan from Vancouver, where he has a post with the Imperial Munitions Board.

WILHELM'S LATEST.

London, Jan. 1.—Kaiser Wilhelm has edited a three-volume work on "Kaiser Wilhelm in War Time." The proofs are being revised and will be submitted to the general staff and the

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Foreign Office, according to an exchange Telegram dispatch from Amsterdam. The work will comprise all the speeches the Kaiser has delivered during the war.

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NEW YEAR MESSAGES

BY LLOYD GEORGE

To British People and All Allies
With Exception of Russia

London, Jan. 1.—Mr. Lloyd George, in a New Year message to the nation, appeals to all at home to work hard, practice economy, save money and buy war bonds.

His message chronicles: "To every civilian I would say that your firing line is at the works or office in which you do your bit, the shops or kitchen in which you spend or save, the bank or post office where you buy your war bonds. To reach that firing line and to become an active combatant yourself, there are no communicating trenches to grope along, no barrage to face, no horrors, no wounds.

"The road to duty and patriotism is clear before you. Follow it and it will lead 'ere long to safety for our own people and victory for our cause."

In a New Year greeting to the Viceroy of India, conveying a message of good will from the British Cabinet to the Indian people, Mr. Lloyd George says:

"Despite many set-backs and many disappointments, we are far on the path to victory. I have good hope that before this new year is past the purpose to which we have set our hands will have been completely achieved."

Messages from the British Prime Minister have been sent to all the Allies except Russia, but including Greece. All express the good wishes of the British War Cabinet to the Governments and peoples addressed.

To President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George says:

"At this season I wish, in behalf of the British War Cabinet, to send to the United States Government and people a message of goodwill. Every day that passes must make us realize more clearly that the hopes of the race centre upon the triumphs of our cause."

"Every day proves to us that our friendship for one another is becoming more and more the cement of the league of free nations which now stands as the guardian of justice and liberty throughout the world."

"We wish in particular to send a message of thanks to the United States navy for the great service it has rendered in the past year, and of greeting to the young American army now in training to take its place in the battle for human freedom. We are relying upon the great addition this army will make to the strength of the Allies in their joint struggle for free civilization, and we are confident that when the time of battle comes they will sustain the great traditions set by their own forebears by helping to win a complete triumph for the cause to which they have dedicated themselves."

For Americans.

London, Jan. 1.—The first of six American hospital trains which are being built in England for use in France, started for the American headquarters yesterday. This train was completed by the car building shops of the Midland Railway under a rush order in less than 11 weeks, which is a record for English car builders.

The train consists of sixteen cars, which have accommodations for 400 patients. The cars are painted khaki color and have on them the familiar Red Cross insignia and also "U.S." in large letters. Inside the cars are fitted with the latest word in equipment and comfort, which includes refrigerators, commodious kitchens, steam heat, electric fans and "torpedo" ventilators, which insure a complete change of air throughout the train every six minutes.

The output of postage stamps, principally penny and half-penny ones, in the United Kingdom is about 15,000,000 a day.

FINANCE MINISTER'S MESSAGE OF CAUTION

Canadians Should Exercise Care to Meet War Problems, Says White

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—Sir Thomas White, the Minister of Finance, has issued the following New Year's message:

"Upon the eve of the New Year I feel that I should say a word to the people of Canada as to certain of the war problems which confront us and the policy which the nation should adopt with a view to meeting them. In the first place, it is clear that all unnecessary expenditure, whether public or private, should be eliminated, and that rigid personal and national economy should be the order of the day for the duration of the war. Luxurious consumption of all kinds, and particularly of imported articles which take money out of the country, should be curtailed as much as possible. Every effort should be made to increase the production of food and products essential to the activity of the war. On the other hand no industries of a non-essential character should be allowed to absorb new capital or additional manpower, both of which will be increasingly required for the continued prosecution of the war."

Can Be Met.

"The financial responsibilities which we must continue to face during the remainder of the war will be very great. They can be met if the people of Canada will economize and save. Owing to the international financial conditions our output of munitions, foodstuffs and other supplies, upon the sale of which the prosperity of the country depends, can be bought by Great Britain only if Canada can find the money for the purpose. The Victory Loan proceeds will keep us financed for this purpose for many months. In the meantime the people should be diligent in saving in order that the immense sum now being disbursed in Canada for our own military expenditure and by the Imperial Government in the purchase of our products may be conserved as a national working capital for a future issue made for the same purpose."

"Money requiring immediate investment may be used to purchase Victory Loan bonds in our own market, thus helping to keep firm the price of these securities. Speaking generally, money should not be sent out of Canada to purchase securities held or listed abroad, as this diminishes the amount of Canadian investment money and helps to create an adverse exchange situation. In fact, no money should leave Canada during the war, save to pay for necessary commodities."

Must Be Taken Up.

"Many million dollars of Canadian loans which have been made heretofore in foreign markets will mature during the coming year. It is quite probable that market conditions will in many cases prevent their renewal abroad, and money will have to be found in Canada to take them up as they become due. This will, of course, make further demands upon the Canadian financial market. If the Canadian people will resolutely determine to cut down waste, eliminate luxuries and save their money, the nation will be abundantly able to finance the war, establish needed credit for the Mother Country and even buy back a large portion of Canadian issues which will mature abroad and may have to be taken up from Canadian funds."

"As for Governments, whether Dominion, Provincial or municipal, no expenditures should be made upon public works or undertakings which can be deferred until after the war. It is unwise at this time to lock up liquid capital in these enterprises or employ upon them labor which is so greatly needed in essential production. Apart from these considerations, it is advisable that construction of such works should, if possible, be postponed until after the war in order to furnish employment which may be needed then and is not needed now."

With Confidence.

"I am certain that with our great national resources in industry and the enterprise of the Canadian people, and with the prices which prevail for products which we have to sell and which the world must buy, Canadians, by observance of strict economy and the elimination of wasteful and luxurious expenditures, by national saving and the preservation of liquid capital for essential industries and commercial needs, may with hope and confidence face the financial responsibilities and burdens of the New Year."

1,500 TRACTORS TO FRANCE FROM STATES

Washington, Jan. 1.—Fifteen hundred farm tractors will be sent to France by the Food Administration of the United States for use in increasing the French food crops. One hundred, it was learned to-day, already have gone forward and all will be across by March, when the spring ploughing begins.

Use of tractors will enable the French in the spring to plant 500,000 additional acres in potatoes and in the fall an extra 1,000,000 acres in wheat, releasing 2,000,000 tons of shipping from the United States to France.

MINER OF NANAIMO KILLED BY ROCK

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—John McAllister, an old and well-known miner of this district, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon in the No. 1 shaft of the Western Fuel Company's mine here by a fall of rock. He leaves a widow and three children. One, a lad of 17, has but recently returned from France, where he had been serving for the past two years.

GERMAN PAPERS ON BREST-LITOVSK PLAN

London, Jan. 1.—German newspapers, telegraphs the correspondent at Amsterdam of the Central News Agency, are much occupied with the declarations of the Central Powers at Brest-Litovsk concerning Lithuania, Courland and Poland. Apparently the German representatives yielded to Pan-German influence, this being indicated by the comments of the annexationist press in contrast with those of Liberal and Democratic newspapers.

The Deutsche Courier, a Pan-German organ, says the German delegates represented the interests of the German Empire as adroitly and as firmly as it was possible for representatives in their position to do.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung, which stormed against the conference engagements last week, now declares itself quite satisfied, saying that the only thing Germany has to take care of is to see the people of the occupied regions are not "fascinated" against Germany by the Entente Powers.

The Vossische Zeitung, on the other hand, does not think the German policy will bring about an enduring understanding with the whole Russian people, while The Vorwaerts says the Central Powers will be convinced without further reflection that real decision regarding the peoples of the occupied territory cannot be spoken of in earnest.

INDIAN EVENT ON QUAMICHAN RESERVE

Duncan, Jan. 1.—About the 7th or 8th of January the Indians at Quamichan will revert to one of their old customs which has gone more or less out of date in late years. At a large gathering of the Indians at the Quamichan Reserve a dance will be given by William Michelle, of Westholme. His daughter, a girl of about 16, will be the debutante and the dance will be held morning and evening for four days. Various other events will occupy the attention of the Indians in the intervals. During this time the father will receive offers for his daughter's hand from the Indian braves, and the most desirable will be chosen as her husband. Each morning and evening while the dance is in progress two women on each side will sing their songs.

SOCIALIST CONFERENCE IS URGED BY HUYMANS

Stockholm, Jan. 1.—Camille Huymans, secretary of the Socialist International, in acknowledging the telegram of Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, the British labor leader, respecting the attitude of British labor, urged the calling of a general Socialist conference to oppose a separate peace by preparing for a general peace.

At a special national labor conference on December 28, British Labor readopted the pronouncement that in continuing the war British labor is actuated by the determination to make the world safe for democracy hereafter. This decision, Mr. Henderson telegraphed to the International Socialist bureau at Stockholm.

CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 1.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.

Died of wounds—Pte. C. E. Seymour, New Westminster; Pte. R. Comarty, Chilliwack.

Artillery.

Gassed—Gnr. R. Bradwell, Nanaimo, Engineers.

Wounded—Sapper C. W. Lowe, Vancouver.

Seriously ill—Sapper F. D. Burns, Victoria.

NANAIMO CUSTOMS.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—The customs returns for this port for the month of December amounted to \$52,115.77.

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A group of Corsets formerly selling at \$1.50 and \$1.25. Broken lines to clear at, per pair **\$1.00**
Another lot of Corsets, odd lines, regular \$2.50 and \$2.75, to clear for **\$1.95**
High Grade Corsets, including these makes—Nemo, Gossard, Madame Lyra, American Lady. Regular \$4.50, \$4.75 and \$5.00. To clear at **\$3.50**

January Clearance Sale of Wool Sweater Coats

At \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.75 and \$9.75

Bargains From the Knit Underwear Section

Infants' Zenith Vests, high neck, short sleeves, regular 25c. To clear at 2 for **25c**
Children's Natural Fleece Drawers, for ages 1 to 14 years; also a few vests. To clear at **50c**
Odd lines of Children's Combinations, regular \$1.10 for 90c
Broken lines of Women's Vests and Combinations, regular to \$2.50. To clear at **\$1.95**
Women's Wool Combinations, high neck, long sleeves and ankle length. Regular \$1.75 for **\$1.25**

January Sale Bargains in the Dress Section

SERGE DRESSES	\$ 7.50
	\$ 9.75
SILK DRESSES	\$ 9.75
	\$12.75
EVENING DRESSES	\$ 5.00
	\$12.75
	\$15.00

Entire Stock of Dresses Reduced



A Big Clearance of Dainty Odd Lines of Women's Lisle and Cashmere Hose

To-morrow the Neckwear Section will feature a big "clean-up" of Dainty Neckwear, including many pretty conceptions developed from fine nets, laces, crepe de chine, etc., in both the popular high and low effects. One cannot have too many pretty neck-fixings, so here is your opportunity to "stock up" at a small cost. January Sale price **50c**

January Clearance Sale of Wool Sweater Coats

At \$3.75, \$4.50, \$5, \$6.75 and \$9.75

An excellent lot of warm and comfortable Wool Sweater Coats that will attract many January Sale shoppers to this section of the store. Included are coats with sailor and roll collars in most of the wanted colors and styles, with belts and sashes. If you are contemplating the purchase of a Wool Sweater Coat, at a saving, we advise early morning shopping, as they will not last long at these tempting prices.

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Regular Values to \$2.25-Pair At **\$1.25 a Pair**

Heavy holiday selling in the Glove Section has left us with many broken lines which must be cleaned out, and to effect a speedy clearance we have grouped many lines together and marked them at the low price of \$1.25, including fine French Kid Gloves, Cape Kid and Washable Chamis Gloves. All sizes in the lot, but not every size in each line. Regular values up to \$2.25. To clear at, per pair **\$1.25**

All Sizes in the lot, 5½ to 7½

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Regular up to **\$9.25 at \$4.95**

A most interesting group of beautiful Georgette Crepe Blouses, mostly of dark rich colorings, trimmed in various ways, that will appeal to all lovers of a dainty blouse. Included are Blouses that formerly sold up to \$9.25. As the quantity is limited we advise early morning shopping. January Sale price **\$4.95**

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Choose From Five New Styles, Sizes 36 to 44

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THE PROVINCE HONORED.

We understand that His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor regards the honor bestowed upon him as one intended, through his office, for the Province in recognition of the part it has played in the war, with particular reference to its recruitment and response to the Victory Loan, rather than possessing any personal application. Sir Frank is to be commended for his happy interpretation of the felicitous incident no less than upon the award of the distinction itself and the Province, we are sure, will appreciate the mark of recognition it has received through its Lieutenant-Governor.

THE ECONOMIC WEAPON.

The Allies have an irresistible trump card in their economic supremacy and there is a growing demand that they make the fullest use of it as a factor in bringing the Central Empire to terms. They have it in their power to keep Germany in a permanent state of economic isolation almost as complete as she is in now. This would mean the prolongation of her bankruptcy and internal disruption. It is this dread possibility more than anything else which is inducing the big financial and industrial interests, headed by Ballin, to exert their influence for peace, and no doubt it was the stern warning of the chief of the great Hamburg-American Company recently which brought him into disrepute with Hindenburg, von Tirpitz and the "blood and iron" group who still cling to the delusion that Germany's future lies in the lap of Mars.

How great are the economic odds against Germany is shown by a well-known writer in a London publication. He points out that the extent to which she had pushed her "peaceful penetration," laid her hands on the resources of other nations and empires, and become dependent on foreign supplies, measures the effect of this weapon when the time comes for its decisive use. He draws attention to the tentacles which Germany had cast over the supply of many essential metals within the British Empire—especially the zinc and tungsten ores of Australia. Every year half a million tons of zinc concentrates went in German ships, and mainly to Germany, from British Australia, England being content with a negligible dose of 20,000 tons. Of the precious tungsten ores, wolfram and scheelite, more than half the amount imported into Germany came from the British Empire.

The foregoing, however, are only the most familiar examples. The closing of the British Empire alone to the German importer and manufacturer would mean a crushing economic blow. The Empire has a practical monopoly of numerous indispensable raw materials. Canada produces by far the greater part of the world supply of nickel, cobalt, asbestos, and, with British India, of mica. New Zealand has a monopoly of Kauri gum and phosphorus fibre. India is the sole producer of jute. The British West African Colonies yield the greater portion of the world's supply of palm nuts and palm kernels, which have a rapidly growing industrial utility.

If the United States were to stand in with the other Allies in declining to supply Germany with raw materials until the Allies' war aims were secured, the German cotton industry would have to put the shutters up for the Allied Powers control the entire world supply of cotton fibre. As for merino wool, in 1913 Germany imported 245 million pounds of this article, of which 197 million pounds came from the British Empire.

To continue the analysis further: Germany imported from British India so many hides and skins that it became a common remark that Great Britain was "running India for the benefit of Germany." In the year 1913 she drew nearly eighteen million pounds' worth of materials from British India. Germany has, indeed, had the free run of the whole of England's vast tropical domains, and the extent of that benefit she will not realize until she loses it.

From this will be apparent the extent of Germany's dependence upon the British world and of the leverage which this affords to the British Empire if Germany were to prove recalcitrant when the peace negotiations set in. But the Empire does not stand alone. Each of its many Allies can contribute in varying degree to the same economic pressure. To take two more examples, the Allies together could deprive Germany of five-sixths of her copper and nearly all her rice. This aggregate power of the Allies places the ultimate issue of the war beyond question or cavil.

A FAIR RICHMOND IN THE FIELD.

The announcement of Mrs. Ralph Smith that she is in the field for the vacant Vancouver seat in the Legislature as an independent and not as a straight-line party candidate has a significance of which party organizers and managers of the opposite sex should take notice. The fact that the first woman aspirant for the Provincial House has come out without endeavoring to secure the endorsement of either party organization may be accepted as a reasonable reflection of the attitude of her sex towards the orthodox political boundaries, and if she should be elected she will have given male partyism a reminder that it ought not to take too much for granted, that it ought not to assume that the women voters of the Province will meekly follow the "Lords of Creation" to the polls and vote according to their direction.

We shall be very much surprised if the women electorate of British Columbia does not exhibit a very strong independent bent in the direction of its political influence, and prove itself unusually intractable to party discipline. Certainly, it would be a good thing for the public life of the country if this were to be the case. It would make for less materialism and the bestowal of proper attention upon numerous problems hitherto unexplored. Men make laws according to conditions seen only through men's eyes, and we doubt if the women will be content to wear the political spectacles of the other sex.

Mrs. Ralph Smith has a knowledge and grasp of public questions equalled by very few people in this Province or anywhere else in Canada. As an able coadjutor of an able husband, whose experience covered both Dominion and Provincial fields of political activity, she became intimately acquainted with national questions as well as with those within the more limited scope of the Province. She is an excellent public speaker, and her capable platform work in the last Provincial election contributed not a little to the result in Vancouver. She would make a useful member of the House, to the business of which we may be sure, she would devote herself with all her well-known intelligence and industry.

THE BOMBING OF PADUA.

On three successive nights emissaries of Teutonic Kultur rained bombs on Padua, the venerated "nursery of arts," which was illuminating the world with the products of its genius and learning centuries before the ancestors of the modern Hun emerged from their robber lairs in the marshes of Brandenburg. Like the glorious Cathedral of Rheims and the wonderful Cloth Hall of Ypres, the irreplaceable edifices of Padua presented an irresistible attraction to agents of the "Intolerable Thing," other representatives of which, by the way, have just been discussing with the Bolsheviks at Brest-Litovsk the exchange of "kultural" ideas between Germany and Russia as one of the stipulations of a separate peace pact based on treachery and dishonor on both sides. The celebrated Palace of Ragione, the basilica of St. Anthony, constructed in the eleventh and twelfth centuries, the chapels with their carved marble, the marvelous frescoes and mural ornaments, the magnificent equestrian statue by Donatello, the world-famed university, established in the thirteenth century, must have lent special zest to the instructions of the Great General Staff to the Hun aircraft service. Next to an orphanage, hospital, an undefended town, or a passenger ship loaded with women and children, there could not be a more striking way of demonstrating the cultural superiority of the quietly-fibred Prussian than by bombing the priceless relics of Padua.

This is not Padua's first visitation from the Hun. About the middle of the sixth century the hordes of Attila, after whom Wilhelm has named his third son, poured over the Isonzo and across the Venetian Plain and occupied the place. As in his invasion of France which was stopped by his disastrous defeat south of Chalons, Attila in Italy spared the monuments and temples of his foe; there was no Potsdam to teach him real Kultur in those days. Padua, like Verona and Venice, enjoyed universal fame as a centre of art and learning in the 16th century and figured prominently in some of Shakespeare's plays. It was at Padua, we recall, that the dashing Petruchio tamed the tempestuous Katherine, the world's first suffragette, and it was Padua that the fair Portia lived for the subtle advice from the erudite Dr. Bellario on which she based her successful play on words which wrought the discomfiture of Shylock and the triumph of Antonio in the Police Court of Venice, thereby, according to the legal profession, succeeding generations the illimitable opportunities for fat fees provided by the gradations and ambiguities of the written word. As the modern Huns profess to be passionate admirers of Shakespeare we should imagine that a little vagrant reverence would govern their attitude towards the place, but possibly, as Shakespeare was a Ger-

man, according to one of their professors, in spite of his castigation of that race in one of his plays, they consider that nobly has a better right than a German to knock down anything made famous by a German. The Pope is reported to have protested against the bombing of these treasure places of Northern Italy, and we presume that the Germans in reply will promise to restore them when the war is over. Paraphrasing a discriminating remark by The New York Sun in reference to a similar undertaking given to the Vatican in regard to Rheims Cathedral, the only thing that could happen to the basilica of St. Anthony worse than its destruction would be its restoration by the Prussians.

NOT WITHOUT PRECEDENT.

If Russia should enter into a separate peace with Germany it would not be the first time a gap had developed in a treaty-bound coalition in Europe in the face of a common foe. During the long Napoleonic wars coalition after coalition went down under the hammer strokes of the wonder-working Corsican. Now it was Austria, then Prussia and then Russia, and one more of the three abandoned their allies several times.

The cornerstone of these alliances was Great Britain and Napoleon showed his realization of this by his Milan and Berlin Decrees putting an embargo on British trade with the continent, and making numerous plans for the invasion of his island foe, all of which were circumvented by British sea-power. Incidentally, it might console some of those who are depressed over the present situation to remember that at that time all of continental Europe as far east as the Niemen and Dniester fell under Bonaparte's sway, and that only four hours' sail separated his vast army on the French coast from the chalk cliffs of Dover.

It is worth recalling, too, that in 1793, after seven years of war between the two countries, Napoleon, for France, made overtures for peace with Great Britain. A considerable element in Parliament, headed by the brilliant Charles James Fox, urged the acceptance of the offer, using arguments identically the same as those used by the advocates of an inconclusive peace to-day—danger of world ruin, the impossibility of gaining a military decision, peace without victory, world bankruptcy and so on. Pitt, however, was obstinate. He declined to negotiate and his refusal was couched in terms which would have been just as definite if they had been less harsh.

Three years later, however, Admington, who succeeded Pitt, negotiated the Treaty of Amiens with Napoleon. The latter, of course, used the period of peace which ensued in laying the foundation of a continental coalition against Great Britain, and in intriguing in Egypt with the conquest of India as his ultimate object. Then, when the hour was ripe he forcibly annexed Switzerland. The Treaty of Amiens lasted only one year, but at that it probably lasted as long as a treaty between Germany and her foes would last at the present time.

The inconclusive peace of Amiens actually begat a new war longer and more destructive than the war it was supposed to terminate. Then, it was realized in Great Britain that Napoleon would have to be finally and completely overthrown on the field and this was accomplished twelve years later at Waterloo. Unhappily, after the Great Disturber had been caged at St. Helena the powers of Europe did not know how to take advantage of the new situation, and their ill-advised proceedings sowed the seeds of many other wars, besides keeping the Napoleonic dynastic tradition alive in France until it disappeared for all time at Sedan.

TANKS VERSUS PILL-BOXES.

The distinguished head of a house at Oxford has sent the following couplet: "Tanks Versus Pill-Boxes. Victrix per campos Claterna vagatur, et ecce! Viventes pilulas capsula capta vomit." And this he has done into English as follows: "The Tank triumphant wanders o'er the fields And living pills the captured capsule yields."

ONE AND INSEPARABLE.

The word "Victory!" is a good word. You press your teeth firmly against the lower lip and in the very first and accepted syllable give articulate expression to a determination to see the thing through. The noun "victory" employed as an adjective induced the 14,500,000,000 British to send \$14,500,000,000 for winning the war. It has persuaded the 8,000,000 inhabitants of Canada to subscribe over \$415,000,000 for the same object. There were over 371,756 subscribers to the Canadian loan. Proportionally Canada has done as well as we did with the second Liberty loan, and it may be a little better. Without victory there will be no liberty; without liberty, victory would turn into defeat.

THOROUGHLY PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EDUCATION CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1.)

An Injustice Remedied. Hereafter it is proposed to obtain a report from each of the principals on the work and standing of each candidate from his school who intends to write on the examination set by the Department of Education. This will be forwarded to the Examining Board and any student whose class-room record is favorably reported on by his principal may, notwithstanding a failure in his final examination, receive promotion.

More optional courses are now proposed for the first year of High School work as against the present obtaining schedule which requires a student to take two foreign languages. Henceforward, following the adoption of the recommendation, a student may, if he wishes, substitute Elementary Science for one of the languages. This is regarded by the Minister of Education as a most beneficial departure from the course as it at present exists, and one which he calculates should have the effect of stimulating a greater interest in Nature Study and Natural Sciences, one of the foremost being agriculture.

Very Important.

Another proposed change in the first year of the High School course will be the omission of the study of formal grammar, the text book on the subject to be used for reference only. The students will henceforward be taught the subject through their work in composition, the study of literature, as well as through the Latin and French grammars. The addition of Civics and Canadian History to the work of the first year, Dr. MacLean regards as most desirable, and in fact, necessary in a Province settled by people so diverse in nationality and early associations. He does not consider that it will in any way add to the work of the students, and if it should do so, he sees in a general lessening of the work in other subjects, a way to ensure full benefit from the new and important additions. Changes along similar lines would follow with respect to the courses of the second and third years.

Greater Flexibility.

An effort will be made to modify the requirements in Mathematics for girl students who find it difficult or impossible to acquire any great knowledge of such studies. This will enable them, the Minister suggests, to devote more time to Domestic Science and kindred subjects more appealing to their interests than the close following of the ordinary curriculum. It is hoped by Dr. MacLean that the proposed modifications of the present curricula that a larger number of options for students of the High Schools will be secured, as well as a greater flexibility in the matter of general requirements of the course outlined in the past, while the greater attention to be given hereafter to the natural sciences is looked upon as a move in the right direction.



THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor:—As the time is drawing near when we will be holding our municipal elections for Aldermen, I sincerely hope young businessmen will see their way clear to offer their services to the city. I mean by this, men who are in actual business and who know by experience what it is to do business under present conditions.

Of the 1917 Council there is only one man doing business in the city, the majority of the others classing themselves as retired. Hence, we see the unsatisfactory state of affairs between the city merchants and the public market which threatens to strangle and destroy the weekly half-holiday movement. I should like to see next year's Council—our representative.

"OUR NEW YEAR WISH."

To the Editor:—Christmas is over and we are now looking forward to the New Year with the hope that during the coming year "Peace on earth—good will to all men" will be a reality. Although conditions to-day do not in any manner tend to bring the desirable influence of peace, we earnestly hope that 1918 will blossom and cherish with that one momentous word "peace." Also we hope that our brave lads who have forsaken everything and have gone out into "No Man's Land" to protect us and ours from that licentious and unscrupulous enemy, "Prussianism," may soon return and be able to spend Christmas 1918 with their dear ones.

"Peace without victory" is not what the Allies desire. It would be far better to continue this gigantic struggle for ten years or longer if by doing so "Prussianism" may be overthrown, than to agree to any "peace terms" of Germany's, which, of course, are to her advantage. So we hope for peace in 1918, not Germany's Prussianized and Kaiserized peace, but a peace that will kill Prussianism forever, that will grant democracy to the whole world and that will bring back to us our gallant men. They will know that they are heroes, that they have given their very best for their country, and that they have shared in the greatest duty which has ever faced mankind, namely, that of aiding in the destruction of an organized military power which violated treaties, ignored the laws of modern warfare, killed innocent and helpless women and children, and whose Emperor had the disgrace to place himself higher than God.

Let our New Year wish be "Peace for the Allies with victory in 1918," and let us do all in our power so that our wish may be realized.

HAROLD B. McDONALD.
"Argyle," 1904 Terrace Avenue.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

Our 40th January Sale Starts To-morrow, Jan. 2

See Opposite Page for Full List of Opening Day Bargains

The Staple Department Offers Rare Bargains During the January Sale

For those who mean to start the New Year well by economizing will prove that it will pay them to take advantage of these remarkable offerings while the goods can be had at such low sale prices. When once our present stocks are cleared we cannot possibly replace at these prices with the market as it is to-day.

Flannelette Sheets are being sold in the Wholesale Houses at far higher prices than we are asking, but as long as our present stocks hold good, a matter of 300 pairs, you can buy at the following prices. Size 66x84, the best quality. Wholesale price \$10.00. Sale Price, a pair...\$2.45
Size 72x90, the best quality. Wholesale Price \$12.50. Sale Price, a pair...\$2.95

White Blankets for full size beds in a nice soft fleecy finish. Reg. value \$5.25. Sale Price, a pair...\$4.50
White Woolen Blankets, suitable for full size beds. Regular value \$7.50, for a pair...\$6.50

Jacquard Comfortables make a nice throw-over or couch cover. A nice range of pleasing patterns to choose from in various colors. Reg. \$3.75, for each...\$2.95 each

Grey Blankets, in a 7-lb. weight. Size 64x84, and a grade make that will give every satisfaction. Reg. value \$7.50. Sale Price, a pair...\$6.75

Grey Blankets in a 10-lb. weight and a Blanket that cannot be bought for the price we are asking. Reg. Value \$10.50. Sale Price, pair \$8.50

Cotton Wool Comforters. Regular value \$2.75. Sale Price, each...\$1.95
Only 24 of these; all in size 60x72.

Eiderdown Comforters. Regular values up to \$7.75. Sale price, each...\$6.75
Taken from our regular stock of English and Canadian Quilts. Sizes 60x72 and 66x72, all being ventilated and quilted.

Honeycomb Bedspreads, suitable for single beds. 50 of these to go. Regular price \$1.95. Sale Price, each...\$1.45

700 Yards Pink Flannelette Embroidery and Insertions To Clear at a Yard 3c

Regular values in this lot to 15c a yard. This quality goods cannot be bought at double the price to-day. Buy up a few extra yards for the future.
—Embroideries, Main Floor

Eiderdown Comforters, size 72x72, made by the best English manufacturers, with a strong quality covering of Art Cambric, and well filled. Reg. Values \$15.00. Sale Price, each...\$10.50

Bleached Sheetings, 2 yards wide, full bleached. Regular price 60c. Sale Price, 5 yard...50c

Feather Pillows, filled with good quality feathers, and covered with strong art ticking. Regular \$2.00 a pair. Sale Price, a pair...\$1.45

The Towel and Cotton Section offers the following lines:
36-inch White Cotton, reg. 20c, for a yard...15c
36-inch Longcloth, reg. 25c; sale, a yard...20c
36-inch White Cambric, reg. 25c; sale, a yard...20c
36-inch White Cambric, reg. 25c; sale, a yd. 22c

Nainsooks and Madapolams are worth 10c a yard more than we are asking for them. Our prices for the Sale range from, a yard...20c to 50c

White and Colored Turkish Towels. Reg. to 40c. Each...30c

White and Colored Turkish Towels. Regular to 45c; for, each...35c

Anderson's Gingham, worth 35c a yard. Sale Price, a yard...25c
A nice range of Plains and Checks to choose from, and at this price there should be a quick clearance.

30c and 35c Voiles and Muslins selling, for yd. 20c
Mostly in floral patterns, suitable for children's dresses, etc.

—Staple Dept., Main Floor

240 Novelty Bags to Go at 50c

Regular Values \$1.85
Useful size Hand Bags in novelty styles, made of plain and fancy silks, all fitted with mirror and change purse. Big Bargains, these.
—Selling Main Floor

A Big Clearing Away of Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs

300 Doz. Handkerchiefs to go at 15c Each

Nice quality Handkerchiefs, with striped, embroidered and fancy corners and fancy edges; some trimmed with lace. Some are a little soiled from our holiday rush. Values that sell from \$3.00 to \$4.20 a dozen, clearing at, each...15c

50 Doz. Boxed Handkerchiefs

With lace edges and fancy embroidered corners. All new and fresh. Regular 50c value for 25c
Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, very fine quality, clearing at, a dozen...75c
Children's White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs clear, each...5c

—Selling Main Floor

Two Big Offerings in Ladies' New Neckwear

—Exceptional price reductions to sell off a big stock of Ladies' New Neckwear. Hundreds of pieces included, and each piece a rare bargain.

Values \$1.00 to \$1.75 Clear at 50c

Including lace jabots, Georgette collars, crepe de chine, satin, with trimmings of filet and plain lace. Very dainty pieces and a wide assortment.

Values to \$1.00 Clear at 25c

Very dainty styles in Georgette crepe, silk crepe de chine, rice cloth and net. Worth securing a few extra collars at this price.

—Neckwear, Main Floor

January Clearance of Women's and Children's Knit Underwear

When one realizes the high prices that will prevail for all woolen and cotton goods next season, the following offerings appeal to much greater interest than usual.

—Children's Musing Vests and Drawers, in the all-cotton and all-wool grades; natural and white. Regular 75c and \$1.00 values. January Sale, a garment...50c

—Children's Musing Combinations, in silk and wool; high neck and long sleeves, ankle length, a good winter quality. Reg. \$2.50 value for...\$1.90

A Clearance of Children's Imitation Fur Sets at Half Price
—Mostly small sizes in Neckties and Muffs to match. There are white trimmed with black, tails, brown and tan, also all white. Sizes 2 to 3 years.

\$1.50 value for...75c
\$1.00 value for...50c
50c value for...25c

—Children's, First Floor

Children's Dresses Greatly Reduced

—Serviceable Dresses in black and white checks, trimmed with white pique, also navy skirt with white pique waist, made detachable. Suitable for ages 10, 12 and 14 years. Better shop early for these, as its a clean-up line and quantity limited.

6 Dresses only; reg. \$5.75 value for...\$2.50
7 Dresses only; reg. \$4.75 value for...\$2.00
3 Dresses only; reg. \$1.50 value, in size 14 years only, for...75c

—Children's, First Floor

Children's Soiled Caps Clear at 25c

—These are nice woolen Washing Caps and therefore good bargains at one-third of their regular price. Sizes to fit 2 to 6 years. Reg. value 75c. Wednesday...25c

—Children's, First Floor

200 Yards 27-Inch White Embroidery Flouncings

On Sale Wednesday, a Yard

35c and 50c

See Broad Street Windows for Samples
—Embroideries, Main Floor

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

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Our 40th January Sale Incorporating a Great Rebuilding Clearance to Start TO-MORROW, January Second

We must vacate by January 31, the old Imperial Building. To make the removal as light as possible greater reductions than usual have been made on much merchandise in our Men's Clothing Department. Up to the present the reduced prices have only applied to Suits and Overcoats. We have many other lines yet to arrange for selling—including Men's and Boys' Trousers, Hats, Caps and Raincoats.

FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THIS SALE WE WILL CLEAR OUT THE REMAINING STOCK OF MEN'S SUITS AT HALF-PRICE

Note the bargains displayed in our windows for opening day and watch our advertisements daily for new sale offerings.

Balance of Women's Suits Grouped Into Three Prices: \$9.75, \$27.50 and \$49.75

Extraordinary price reductions have been made on the balance of Suit stock to make sure of a complete and speedy clearance. The groupings are as follows:

Suits to Go at \$9.75

Good quality serges in navy blue and black. Serviceable models for general wear.

Suits to Go at \$27.50

A big range of models grouped into this offering, and they represent most exceptional values. Not one Suit in the lot worth less than \$40.00, and there are former values to \$47.50. Included are navy and black serges, velours, gabardines and poplins. Latest patterns, and shades taupe, African brown and Burgundy included. Newest styles, satin linings and braid trimmings.

Suits to Go at \$49.75

All our high-class Novelty Suits, including imported models, represented by this offering. Very choice models, exclusive and most exceptional values.

Mantles, First Floor

Children's Reefer Coats Clear at \$1.50

Serviceable garments in navy blue serge, finished with velvet collars; sizes 12 to 16 years. Regular value \$3.50. Better hurry for these at \$1.50

Mantles, First Floor

Women's All Wool Sweater Sets CLEAR AT \$4.75

Regular Prices \$8.75 and \$9.75

Most serviceable sets of all wool, nicely brush finished. Coat, cap and scarf to match. In a nice range of shades—rose, canary, saxe, burnt orange, camel; also black with white, and saxe with white. Extraordinary sale value.—Selling First Floor

Women's Woolen Tams and Caps CLEAR AT 50c

Brushed Wool Tams, in white, navy and cardinal; Jersey Cloth Caps and Scarf Sets, in rose, with white and canary with white. Special clean up lot at 50c

—Selling First Floor

Remaining Stock of Men's Suits to Clear at Half-Price

\$8 \$10 \$15

The range of patterns and materials are good, but all sizes cannot be had in each, yet all sizes are represented. An opportunity not likely to occur again at these prices, and with such good quality merchandise. Early selection is therefore advisable for best choice.

\$25.00 Showerproof Coats at \$17.50

In Raglan and set-in sleeves, nicely tailored from Harris and Donegal tweed effects. Most serviceable Coats for wear at any time. Their former values ranged up to \$25.

\$20.00 Tweed Top Coats at \$10.00

Smart, stylish models, suitable for mild winter wear, or cool evenings. A Coat for young men who cannot wear a heavy garment.

\$20.00 Overcoats for \$12.50

These are nice winter models, but a limited quantity only. Sizes are 42 and 44 only. Suitable for big men. Exceptional bargains these.

Boys' Suits at Remarkable Savings

All stylish models in the new Norfolk and semi-pinch-back styles, with bloomer pants fitted with governor fasteners, at knee. Suits that were formerly selling to—

\$6.50. January Sale	\$4.50
\$7.50. January Sale	\$5.50
\$8.75. January Sale	\$6.50
\$9.75. January Sale	\$7.50

A Few Suits Only, in Double-Breasted Style

Tailored from the old quality all-wool tweeds. Formerly priced to \$13.50. January clearance at, suit, \$5.00

—Men's and Boys' Clothing, Main Floor



Five Prices Include the Balance of Our Winter Coat Stock

Every Winter Coat to go at this sale. We must have the room for the display of other goods. We have therefore cut the regular prices down to the lowest—thus making exceptional bargains worth while.

A Big Range of Women's Coats at \$14.90

This offering embraces models that were formerly marked at prices up to \$35.00. So you will easily recognize that they are worth-while bargains. Represented are tweeds in light and dark shades, also various novelty cloths. The styles are new and fashionable, featuring convertible collars, deep belts and hip pockets.

Coats to Go at \$24.75

Stylish models of popular velour cloths, in plain shades. Coats that are worth considerably more and cannot fail to appeal to the better dressed.

Coats to Go at \$34.75

In plain color velours, in all shades. Quite a few are handsomely trimmed with fur.

Coats to Go at \$54.75 and \$64.75

Practically all styles are included in these prices. They represent our best high-grade models—and absolutely late season styles. Some are handsomely trimmed on collars and cuffs with fur. Early selection for best choice.

Mantles, First Floor

Women's Raincoats in Three Prices

Just when Raincoats are needed badly come this exceptional sale offer. Coats we were formerly selling from \$12.50 to \$25.00 are now to go at

\$9.90, \$14.90, \$19.90

Mantles, First Floor

A Big Selection of Better Grade Voile Waists to Clear at \$2.90

Worth in the regular way up to \$5.75. All superior grade materials and exceedingly dainty styles; plain and embroidered designs, variously trimmed with flit and guipure laces; large square collars. A selection that will please you—so will the sale price.

—Waists, First Floor

A Big Offering of Women's High-Class Boots Priced at \$6.85, \$4.85 and \$3.95

We have just received from the makers of the famous Queen Quality Shoes for Women, several hundred pairs of High-class Boots, embracing many of the new styles for Spring. Some of these Boots are slightly defective, not so as to mar their beauty or effect the wear. But for this fact these shoes would easily be worth double the prices they are offered at for this sale. We have grouped them into three prices. Brief details are:

High Class Novelty Boots at \$6.85 a Pair

Strictly High-grade Novelty and Black Kid Lace Boots, in all sizes, 2 to 8, and widths A.A. to D. There are Colored Kid Boots, in champagne, silver, brown and wine; some cloth tops, mostly all Kid, French and Military heels. Brown Calf Lace Boots, new shades and low and medium heels. Black Glazed Kid and Calf Lace Boots—Splendid for present wear.

Stylish Black Kid Boots at \$4.85 a Pair

Lace and Button Styles, covering every kind of last and style worn to-day. All kid or cloth tops, high or low heels. A big assortment, offering splendid choice for business women and others wanting serviceable and stylish footwear. All sizes 2½ to 8 and widths AA to EE.

Patent Leather Boots at \$3.95

Button and Lace Styles, with cloth or kid tops, high or low heels; also White Canvas Lace Boots, with low rubber heels, suitable for nurses' wear.

Boots, First Floor



January Clearance of Men's and Boys' Sweaters and Underwear

Men's Grey Sweater Coats, heavy cotton rib, with military collar and 2 pockets. Size 38 only. January Sale, each \$1.50

Men's Heavy Knit Sweater Coats, 75 per cent. wool, finished with shawl or military collar. About 10 dozen to clear, in colors grey with cardinal, brown with fawn; also plain shades, brown, fawn, grey, and Oxford grey and cardinal. Sizes 36 to 42 chest. \$5.00 grade for \$3.95

Boys' Heavy Rib Cotton Sweaters, Penman's make, pull over head style, with high roll collar. In colors fawn, grey, mole and navy blue; sizes 22 to 28. Each \$1.75

Sizes 28 and 32. Each \$1.50

Penman's and Zimmerkitt Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers, wool finish, light weight. Reg. \$1.00 value. January Sale, a garment \$0.75

Oddments in English and Canadian Brands of Men's Underwear, all wool and wool mixtures. Mostly 34 shirts and 32 drawers. About 6 dozen garments to clear at prices ranging \$0.50 per cent. off Present Prices, 65c, up to \$1.25

Men's Natural Wool Mixture Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, Penman's make, medium weight, all sizes. January Sale, a garment \$1.50

Fine White Cashmere Combinations, English make, all wool, sizes 36 and 38. Value \$6.00. January Sale, a suit \$3.75

—Selling, Main Floor

Men's and Boys' Shirts at Special January Sale Prices

Men's Print Negligee and Outing Shirts, finished with collar band and soft ro starched cuffs. White body with fancy stripes, pleat down front and striped cuffs to match; all sizes. Regular \$1.25 value for \$0.95

Men's Print Negligee Shirts, in fancy light stripes and plain white. 3-in. starched cuffs. All sizes, in white; in stripes; sizes 14, 14½, 16, 16½, and 17 only. January Sale, each \$0.95

Men's White Pleated and Fancy Bosom Shirts, cut coat shape and full size in body, 3-inch starched cuffs. Sizes 16, 16½ and 17 only. Reg. value to \$1.75. Clearing at \$1.25

Fancy Cotton Twill Shirts, for working men, finished with turn-down attached collars, good medium weight; all sizes. January Sale Price, 75c

Heavy grade in same color. Each \$1.00

Men's Heavy Tweed Work Shirts, with turn-down collar and pockets. \$2.25 value for \$1.50

Light Tweed Work Shirts, same style \$1.35

Strong Grey Flannellette Shirts, with collar attached, all sizes; \$1.35 value for \$1.00

—Furnishings, Main Floor

Silk Crepe de Chine Underwear Slightly Soiled, Clearing at HALF-PRICE

A quantity of superior grade pieces, which got a little soiled during the great Christmas rush. We have grouped these pieces for a quick January clearance—

Reg. to \$15.00 clear at \$7.50
Reg. to \$12.50 clear at \$6.25
Reg. to \$9.00 clear at \$4.50

—Whitewear, First Floor

\$1.50 O.S. HOSE FOR 75c

10 dozen pairs Women's O.S. Stockings, with full garter tops and double feet, size 8½ only. A special half-price sale for opening day.

—Hose, Main Floor

January Sale of Women's Hose

Black Cashmerette Hose, all sizes, a pair \$1.00
3 pairs for \$1.50
Black Cashmerette Hose, all sizes, a pair \$0.75
4 pairs for \$1.00
Penman's Cashmere Hose, very special, at a pair \$0.50
Women's Silk Hose, in black, tan and white; very special for the January Sale. A pair, 75c, \$1.00

—Hose, Main Floor

Infants' and Children's Bonnets

Values to \$1.50 clearing at 50c
Smart little models of White Bear Cloth, Wool, Corded Silk and other materials. A large assortment, and they are all grouped into this one price for the January Sale. Each 50c

—Infants, First Floor

January Clearance of Millinery

Balance of Ladies' Trimmed Hats to be cleared at three prices, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$7.50
Untrimmed Hats clear at \$1.50 and \$2.50
Children's Hats clear at 50c, \$1.00, \$2.50
—Millinery, Second Floor

January Clearance of Choice Silks

An opportunity always awaited with much interest by Victoria women, for the savings are always substantial and worth while. To secure many of the following it will be helpful for you to shop early on Wednesday morning.

\$1.25 Silks at 50c a Yard

48-inch White Embroidered Spot Ninons, and Black Embroidered Spot Ninons, in 3 patterns; also cross bar and broad stripe, in White Ninons, and cross bar Black Ninons.

\$2.50 Silks at 95c

48-inch Embroidered Designs, in White Ninons; fine grade. Four different patterns.

\$2.50 and \$3.50 Silks at \$1.25

42-inch Ivory Brocade Crepe de Chine, in four patterns.

\$1.50 and \$1.75 Silks at 95c

48-inch Georgette Crepes, in shades saxe, old rose, flesh, nigger, and navy.

\$1.75 and \$2.25 Silks at 95c

48-inch Crepe de Chines, in shades, brown, baby blue, and blotting paper pink.

\$2.50 Silks at \$1.25

48-inch Spot All Silk Marquisettes, in seven different shades.

\$1.25 Black Sateen Underskirts, 75c

A nice quality sateen finished with deep tucked flounce; black only. A special clearing line for the January Sale.

—Mantles, First Floor

\$1.50 Velveteens at 75c

27-inch Plain Velveteens, high grade and in colors dark Copenhagen, plum, navy and bottle green.

\$2.50 French Velvets at 75c

21 and 24 inches wide, all silk grade, but in a few surplus shades only—light navy and two shades of royal blue.

\$1.25 Louisiana Silks at 75c

In shades ivory, cream, pink, and periwinkle.

\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 Silks at \$1.10

Including Check and Stripe Taffetas and Messalines; good, serviceable grades; marked at a very low price.

75c and \$1.00 Satins and Messalines at 50c

19 and 24 inches wide, and in a variety of surplus shades. Come and look this lot over—

19-inch Brocade and Check Silks, regular \$2.00

Clearing at, a yard \$1.00

27 and 38-inch Fancy Wash Silks and Checks, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25

To clear up at, a yard \$0.25c

—Silks, Main Floor

\$1.50 House Dresses at 75c

A good grade of cotton, in light and dark shades; most serviceable, and there are all sizes to choose from.

—Mantles, First Floor

See Opposite Page For Further Sale News

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

January 1st, 1918

RESOLVED

"That during this year I will purchase all my goods at the CASH store, because I have proved for myself that CASH Prices are lower than CREDIT Prices." Besides, I MAY win the \$2,500 Bungalow.

GROCERY SPECIAL WEDNESDAY	
Choice Siam Rice	20c
3 lbs. for	
Rex Sweeping Compound, large cans	29c
Small Bayo Beans, per lb.	10c
Red Kidney Beans, 2 lbs.	25c
Aylmer Peaches, per tin	15c

HARDWARE DEPARTMENT SPECIALS	
Brown Earthenware Tea Pots, large size, regular 45c, for	33c
Enamel Saucepans, extra heavy, regular 75c, for	49c

DRUG DEPARTMENT SPECIALS	
Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, regular 50c, Special	39c
Roberts' Syrup of Cod Liver Oil and Tar, regular 85c for	25c

H. O. KIRKHAM & CO., LTD.

Victoria, B. C. Duncan, B. C.

PHONES: Grocery, 178 and 179. Delivery, 5522
Fish and Provisions, 5520. Meat, 5521

ANOTHER HOLIDAY
BILL AT PANTAGES

George Primrose and His Minstrels Greeted Last Evening

Catchy music, dainty dances and rippling laughter, that echoes over the footlights, are indispensable requisites to a successful holiday bill, no matter under what circumstances it may be presented. The patter that flows from the vaudeville stage must measure to this standard if it would reap that applause, which actors credit so highly. It could hardly be doubted that Manager Rice, considered the tastes of the holiday public when he booked the acts that feature the New Year bill at Pantages this week. If the enthusiasm of a first night audience may be taken as a fair gauge of criticism of a performance, it must be observed that the selection was a happy one.

ROYAL VICTORIA

TO-NIGHT
BILLIE BURKE
in
ARMS AND THE GIRL
Comedy Weekly.

PANTAGES THEATRE

Vaudeville
GEORGE PRIMROSE
And His Minstrels
JAN RUBINI
Celebrated Swedish Violinist.
And Other Acts.
Matinee, 3; Night, 7 and 9.

VARIETY THEATRE

TO-DAY

Ann Pennington

in

"The Antics of Ann"

Also "Patria" with Mrs. Vernon Castle.

Clearance Sale

On all our Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts. This is our first Annual Clearance Sale. We give a straight 25 per cent. discount on all our Winter Lines. Come early and get some good bargains.

The Famous Store
1214 Government Street

MAE MARSH IS STAR
OF "CINDERELLA MAN"

The third Goldwyn Picture starring Mae Marsh is "The Cinderella Man," from the famous play by Edward Childs Carpenter, which was a leading Broadway hit when produced in the regular theatre by Oliver Morosco. This film is being shown all this week at the Dominion.

It is the story of a young heiress, Marjorie Caner, who is so much touched by the account given by her father's lawyer of a young poet, Anthony Quintard, who is struggling in a garret at the other end of the block, that she undertakes to bring him food and comforts over the roof. Her trips to the garret are made during Quintard's absence; but one day he catches her.

He suspects that she is the millionaire's daughter, and is about to evict her because, as a Socialist, he has no use for persons who are "richy rich," when she tells him she is just Marjorie Caner's companion, Miss Mudge. So he suffers her to remain, and presently she volunteers to help him by typewriting his opera libretto which he has just completed to be submitted in a contest for a \$10,000 prize.

In due course, Quintard finds himself in love with "Miss Mudge," but feels unable to declare himself because he has no money. At last, however, he makes bold to ask her if she'll have him, when he makes good; and he is delighted when she tells him "perhaps." But while he is waiting, a former lover of Marjorie who has been engaged to wed her, appears to claim her hand; and when the time comes that Quintard wins the prize and is ready to ask her to become his wife, he finds her already betrothed to another. His indignation is increased when he learns that she really is "richy rich" after all; and it takes the combined efforts of her father and his three friends to untangle the situation, and bring Marjorie to her happiness.

SPONTANEOUS HUMOR
IN ANTICS OF ANN

A rather unique ending has been arranged by Director Edward Dillon for Ann Pennington in her newest Paramount picture, "The Antics of Ann." This is a distinct departure from the conventional ending, which has her heroine in a "fade out" of some romantic love scene.

In "The Antics of Ann," the celebrated little dancer of "Ziegfeld Follies" fame is seen at the close of the film bravely eating biscuits with her (of course) screen husband. She made the biscuits herself, and judging from what we have previously seen of the fair heroine, fudge would be distinctly more in her line.

The story is one of the most spontaneously humorous of any Miss Pennington has so far appeared in. It is to be shown at the Variety Theatre on to-night, to-morrow and Wednesday.

BILLIE BURKE STARS
IN COMEDY DRAMA

Truer words were never spoken than that every bit of experience, every phase of life through which one passes will on some occasion be of use. Director Joseph Kaufman who directed Billie Burke's latest Paramount picture, "Arms and the Girl," which is appearing to-day at the Royal Victoria Theatre, found this to be true in an unexpected manner.

The story called for a great many rather accurate scenes supposed to be taken in the interior of a remote Belgian hotel or inn. Recalling that he and his wife had spent several very agreeable days in just such an inn while traveling in Belgium a few years ago, Mr. Kaufman made a hasty search through his Kodak book and from the snapshots which he found there, had the scenes or "shots" of the Belgian inn made.

"Arms and the Girl" is a splendid comedy drama and the right kind of entertainment for the holiday season. On the same programme is shown a very humorous comedy and a weekly with the latest news in views from all parts of the world.

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How to Save Wheat, Beef and Bacon for the Men at the Front.

MENU FOR WEDNESDAY.
Breakfast.
Oatmeal Porridge.
Sausages. Brown Bread.
Coffee.
Dinner.
Bean Loaf. Baked Potatoes.
Mashed Turnips.
Baked Bananas. Corn Bread.
Supper.
Stuffed Baked Potatoes.
Honey Baked Raspberry Jam.
Tea.

The recipes for Baked Bananas and Bean Loaf, mentioned above, are as follows:

Bean Loaf—
2 cups Lima beans.
1 cup dry bread crumbs.
4 tablespoons peanut butter.
2 tablespoons grated onion.
1 tablespoon dripping.
1 tablespoon dried celery leaves or poultry seasoning.
2 teaspoons salt.
1 teaspoon pepper.
1 cup rice stock or other liquid.
Wash and soak the beans over night, then cook in boiling water till soft (about 5 minutes). Drain, and when cool chop coarsely. Add crumbs mixed with seasonings and peanut butter, then add liquid and fat. Put into greased bread pan and bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes.

Baked Bananas—
Split open the bananas. Leave them in the skins. Sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice, and bake until done.

Conference for Christians at Victoria Hall, 1415 Blanshard Street. Order of meetings: Saturday, December 29, prayer meeting, 7 p. m.; Sunday, December 30, breaking of bread, 11 a. m.; Ministry of the Word, 3 p. m.; Gospel meeting, 7 p. m. Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, at 10.30, 2.30 and 7 p. m. Ministry of the Word. W. J. McClure, from Oakland, California, and other brethren from a distance, will speak. All Christians heartily invited.

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FOR HALIFAX ORPHANS

I. O. D. E. Contributing to Fund Being Raised to Found a Home.

As usual when any just appeal is made, the various chapters of the Daughters of the Empire in British Columbia have made generous and ready response to the Provincial Chapter's request for contributions towards Halifax relief.

Already nearly \$600 has been received as contributions to the fund started by the National Chapter for the very worthy object of establishing an I. O. D. E. home at Halifax for the little ones who, orphaned by the holocaust, are unclaimed. It is anticipated that when all the chapters are heard from the British Columbia contribution will reach about \$1,000.

The Provincial Chapter acknowledges with grateful thanks the following donations:

Bastion Chapter, Nanaimo.....\$150.00
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Margaret Rock, Robertson, Victoria, per Municipal Treas.....10.00
Municipal Chapter, Chilliwack.....50.00
Total.....\$598.00

Social & Personal

Lieut. and Mrs. Hobbs-Ferne, of Vancouver, spent the week-end in the city as guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. N. O. Cuchison has returned to the mainland after an extended visit to this city and has taken up her residence at Glencoe Lodge, Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Martin have returned to their home at New Westminster after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gwynn, of this city.

Major F. B. Edwards, of Victoria, was among the week-end visitors to Vancouver. During his stay in the city he was a guest at the Hotel Vancouver.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church yesterday morning the marriage was solemnized by Rev. Dr. Clay of Robert Galbraith and Miss Sarah Clark, both of Nanaimo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman and daughter have returned to their home in Vancouver after a visit to Mrs. Bateman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rudkin, Quamichan Lake.

Hon. J. W. deB. Farris returned from Vancouver yesterday morning. He was accompanied by Mrs. Farris and family, who will remain here over the New Year holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Farris and their two children have returned to their home in Ladysmith after spending the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Fagan, of Hollywood, Victoria.

Mrs. Burge, of the James Bay Hotel, and Mrs. Angus, who has been a guest at the hotel for several months, will leave this week for Honolulu, where they will make a stay of some weeks duration.

E. A. Waugh, of Victoria, has been appointed to the position of assistant at the Ladysmith High School, made

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Regular values to \$19.75 now	\$12.50
Regular values to \$25.00 now	\$15.00
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who will attend the second meeting of the British Columbia Federation of Teachers will be the Misses Merson, Douglas, Henry, Patterson and Messrs. Dilworth, McInnis and Charlesworth. The convention opens on Thursday, January 3, and the Vancouver Teachers' Association will entertain the delegates at luncheon on Thursday. About sixty delegates in all are expected at the gathering, of whom Victoria is entitled to send sixteen.

Preparations are complete for the production of the quaint operetta "The Land of Dolls," which is to be given at the Princess Theatre to-morrow evening and Thursday afternoon. The cast comprises members of the Mother Goose Club, the young folk who, under the capable direction of Mrs. J. C. Newbury, have done so much toward

raising funds for patriotic purposes. These talented children will sing and dance to the new and catchy airs which form a feature of this charming play. The proceeds will be devoted to the Halifax Relief Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holmes, of Marlborough Avenue, have received the disquieting news that the condition of their son, Oliver W. B. Holmes, who was injured in the Halifax disaster, is more serious than was anticipated. It will be remembered that a letter from the young naval cadet appeared in these columns recently, describing vividly the horrors of the disaster, and stating that he had been cut about the face and head. In his letter the boy pluckily made light of his injuries, but the doctors now deem it necessary to perform an operation on the facial artery.

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MANY NEW POLICIES HAVE BEEN INSTITUTE IN 1917

Problems of Considerable Magnitude Effectively Dealt With by Premier Brewster; Government Now Is in Position to Proceed With Constructive Programme

The advent of a Liberal Government—the first to become responsible for the administration of the business of the Province of British Columbia—necessitated the formulation of new policies in respect of almost every administrative department. The election of Premier Brewster to office some fifteen months ago took place at a time when the progress and development of the country had been brought almost to a dead standstill.

Although the war was partially responsible for these conditions, the policy of the present administration's predecessors in office had not been conducive to securing a healthy expansion of the rational activities of the province, particularly under the abnormal circumstances brought about by the tory tyranny of half the world engaged in armed conflict.

With that condition of affairs generally acknowledged to exist, the Premier has pledged himself and his Government to reorganization, reform and economy and very naturally the weight of this task fell upon his own shoulders as the head of the new Government. Many consultations with his colleagues were necessary as the whole detail of departmental administration had to be reviewed. One of the gravest problems was how to educate the people of the province to apply directly to the Department, within the purview of which matters of petition and requests for consideration fell.

Early in the experience of the Administration it was discovered that for years the practice had been to settle all problems, hear all applications, redress all grievances, and adjust all departmental problems in the Premier's office. Reference to the various reviews of each individual department referred to elsewhere in this issue will point to different methods having been in vogue during the past twelve months. Education in this connection resolved itself, then, into a constant dining-in the ears of persons concerned, that the Minister of a Department is its responsible head.

Much Thought and Labor. The untimely death of the first Minister of Finance threw upon the Premier's already burdened shoulders the responsibility for the reorganization of the Department of Finance the daily supervision of that Department entailed onerous work.

Determination of the Government to reorganize the Civil Service, placing certain departmental functions in charge of a Comptroller-General; the stopping of leaks, reduction and elimination of duplicated expenditures, systematization and making economical adjustment of revenue and expenditure, necessitated long and strenuous consultations with heads of departments, while the appointment of new officials and the introduction of their new duties involved endless thought, anxiety and labor.

Roots Far Back. Many of the matters submitted for the consideration and decision of the Premier appeared simple and easily solvable at first sight. But on closer investigation it was discovered that these "simple" matters resolved themselves into difficulties because of something done by order-in-council, ministerial ruling or executive decision years ago. Such complications extended far back into the past and the straightening out of many of these intricate tangles has involved long hours of consultation with departmental heads or executive discussion.

The relations of the Provincial to the Federal Government in many matters, which for years have been the subject of contention between the two, required a mass of correspondence, explanations, repeated and insistent presentation, made the more difficult than in ordinary periods by the obligations of the war. It is only within the last couple of months that the Government has been able to apply itself to the carrying out of its own plans and policies of reform and to see the glimmer of dawn heralding the brighter early day.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

In the Department of Finance, which is presided over by the Hon. John Hart, a great deal has been accomplished during the course of the last six months in the way of reorganization, the whole trend of which has been directed to secure a greater efficiency in the conduct of the work of the Department, a closer scrutiny of the revenues of the province, and a stricter supervision of all expenditures. The accounting branch of the Department has been placed under a Comptroller-General, in the person of A. N. Mount, under whom are auditors of disbursements and revenue, and a purchasing agent, whose appointment and his specific duties were referred to in these columns on Friday last. Mr. Mount is practically the father in Canada of the pre-audit system, whereby accounts are scrutinized and audited before they are paid, instead of afterwards.

Thoroughly Organized.

The auditor of receipts is charged with seeing that the Treasury is receiving all the revenue that should be coming in from various sources, and that the remittances from Government agencies and other branches of the service outside are promptly made. Through travelling auditors the Minister is kept in touch with the work of the Government agencies, while the financial operations of these are systematized and scrutinized.

Under the present Minister particular attention is being paid to that branch of the Department which has the oversight of the revenue of the Crown. An Assistant Surveyor of Taxes, who has had several years' experience as Provincial Assessor and Collector in the chief assessment district of the province, the Victoria district, takes office at the commencing

of the New Year, and he will be of immense assistance to the head of this particular branch of the Department.

Getting the Money In. Special collectors have been at work for some months past getting in the arrears of taxes due the province, in some cases for very many years back, as well as collecting the poll-tax, and the result of their work has been most satisfactory. An auditor has also been engaged in this Department to check up the returns made by corporations, and already the necessity for such an official has been demonstrated.

The collection of income-tax is a matter which will receive very close consideration, to the end that all who are liable will be called upon to pay, and that the shirking of this tax, which has been somewhat of a joke for years' past, will no longer be possible. It is understood that early in the new year a tax sale will be held in connection with all arrears of provincial taxes.

Taxation Board. A Board of Taxation, consisting of J. B. McKilligan, Surveyor of Taxes, as chairman; Alderman W. G. Cameron and Thomas Kidd, with Professor R. M. Haig, a taxation expert of international reputation, is at present considering the whole subject of assessment and taxation, and will report upon what changes are necessary to bring the taxation system of British Columbia up to the best standard of modern systems.

The Department of Finance has done much in eliminating the overlapping of authority and duplication of work, and in abolishing needless positions. By the transfer of the insurance branch to another official and closing up the Bureau of Provincial Information, some \$10,000 a year is being saved without any loss in the efficiency of the services being rendered the public in these directions.

RAILWAY DEPARTMENT. It would be perfectly correct to say that in the Department of Railways, presided over by the Hon. John Oliver, things have "happened" during the last twelve months. It would be equally correct to say that the nature of the happenings have been somewhat illuminating while the aftermath appears to be still in the incubation stage. What the final outcome of the railway situation, in which the Pro-

vince finds itself at the present time, will be, none of the wise men in the East are able to decide.

During the last session of the Legislature the Railway Act was amended to enable the Minister to make public information in respect of the Railway Corporation. The effect of the inquiry by a select committee of the House into the affairs of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Company and the publication of the facts concerning the transactions of the Canadian Northern Railway Company scarcely failed in their salutary effect.

Railway Liabilities. Briefly the Province has assumed contingent liabilities in respect of the P. G. E. approximating \$3,710,000 and on account of the C. N. P. R. \$47,915,000. In connection with the P. G. E. investigations showed that the contractors had made a profit of over five millions of dollars on construction and that the Company, as such, had paid in no capital whatever. On the other hand the Company had received six or seven millions from the Province of British Columbia more than it was entitled to receive. To protect the Province the Minister refused to advance any further money beyond what was actually required to pay for labor and material used in construction.

The Company at once ceased construction and the Government instituted a suit to recover moneys illegally paid, and also to recover stock illegally issued as fully paid up, and for which no value had been given. There has been a good deal of talk as to effecting a settlement of this suit by agreement, but no acceptable proposal to the Railway Department has yet been received from the Railway Company.

The Canadian Northern. In recent issues of The Times the general situation between the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway and the Government of the Province of British Columbia has been dealt with at considerable length. It may be recalled, however, that about a year ago, when the present administration had been in office rather more than one month, Sir William Mackenzie demanded a further guarantee of \$10,000 per mile to induce him to proceed with the construction of the railway on Vancouver Island. The policy of the Department now is to force the Railway Company to recognize its obligations to the Province and to implement such recognition by construction.

The Minister takes the stand that in view of the fact that the Federal Government has acquired the capital stock of the Company and taken away any Provincial control, in equity, the Federal Government should make good on the Company's contracts, and also relieve the Province of its contingent liabilities as guarantors of the Railway Company's bonds. The Railway Department's activities have also been directed along the lines of compelling the Railway Companies to file their final location plans with the Department, and the number of plans so filed is large.

Logging Railways. At the suggestion of the Department the Government has brought all logging and mining railways under the control of this Department, while careful supervision over both road beds and equipment is being maintained

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VILLAGE FOR VETERANS

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PTE. GEO. INGELDEW RECOVERED SPEECH

Ex-Physical Instructor at Educational Institutions Here in Hospital in France

To be blown up by a shell on the Canadian front in Flanders, found by a party and carried from the muddy field unconscious and then to lie in a base hospital speechless for a month, recovering his ability to talk, though with a stammer, was the lot of Pte. George Ingeldew, of Victoria, according to a letter just received in this city from him. At the time of writing he was still in the hospital.

Pte. Ingeldew also was wounded by shrapnel in the left leg, but this caused him much less suffering than the concussion of the brain which followed

the explosion of the shell, and the wound has healed.

Leaving here with a draft from the 50th Gordon Highlanders last May, Ingeldew, then a corporal, proceeded to England, where he reverted to private in order to get to France, crossing the Channel in September. He was made physical, musketry and bayonet-fighting instructor and attached to a battalion well known here. He was at the front but a short time when his accident befell him. One of the interesting bits of information he gives in his letter is that on joining the battalion mentioned above he encountered Lieut. T. B. Inglis, formerly City Editor of The Times, who left the city with another unit and was transferred to the unit in which Pte. Ingeldew found him.

The condition of the field when Pte. Ingeldew was wounded may be judged from his description in his letter—"I was blown up by a shell in Flanders and brought off the field—or, rather, the mud, I should say—unconscious."

Pte. Ingeldew formerly was attached to one of the naval ships stationed at Esquimalt. On leaving the service he became physical instructor at the Collegiate School. He went from there to the University School as physical

instructor, resigning that post to join the 50th Highlanders. His wife and child now are residing in Sidney.

KILLED LEADING MEN

Lieut. Herbert Reeve, Who Had Been Wounded Five Times, Died at Cambrai.

That Lieut. Herbert Reeve, who for several years was engaged as an artist with the Hutchins Advertising Agency of Victoria, was killed in action while leading his company at Cambrai in the early part of December, is the information which has been received by friends in the city. Previous to coming to Canada from England Lieut. Reeve studied art in Belgium and Germany, and being in the Old Country when the war broke out, joined the Royal Fusiliers, with which regiment he saw service in France, Mesopotamia and, previously, at Gallipoli, being wounded five times.

Soldier Returns.—Pte. Leveque has the distinction to be the last returned soldier to reach Victoria in the year 1917, he being the only soldier from overseas to arrive by the afternoon boat from Vancouver yesterday.

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MAGNATES MUST FIND OR DROP ONE CITY

Northwestern Baseball Delegates Will Have Big Business on January 15

Seattle, Jan. 1.—Organization of the greater Northwestern Baseball League is set for January 15 or thereabouts. While the exact date has not been fixed, it remaining to be selected when certain big things, predicted by the league's president, Robert L. Hewitt, have been consummated. It is reasonably certain that the big events will come off on or slightly before the 15th. The coming meeting is one of the most portentous over held by this league. It marks the return of the city of Portland as a rival of its commercial and geographical neighbors. It marks a return to playing on a plane such as has not been known since Portland seceded and joined the Pacific Coast League. It marks an effort by the magnates to maintain a healthful amusement for a public overworked by war labors and overburdened by war worries.

From all present indications it is reasonably certain that an eight-club league will be formed and that Class A rating will be sought. Butte, through W. A. Davey, president of the club, has announced that it wants to stay in the Northwestern League. It is prepared to put in a manager who will be popular with both fans and players, and to make a determined bid for support. Great Falls, the smallest city in the circuit, but one which with the loss of opening day and Decoration Day through snow last season, averaged \$2,400 a week for four weeks, is ready to try again. There remains the selection of an eighth town to round out the circuit or the dropping of one city to make a six-club league. On this big question will the real fight of the league meeting hinge.

AFTER BIG GAME.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—"Bear Cat" Tom McMahon, who fights in the heavy-weight ranks out of Newcastle, Pa., is in Chicago and is said to be thirsting for a chance to joust with Fred Fulton. McMahon holds a decision over Jess Willard, earned in the days before Jess was champion, and believes the tactics that enabled him to beat Willard would spell defeat for Fulton.

MORAN AND FULTON.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Frank Moran, Pittsburgh heavyweight, and Fred Fulton, leading challenger for the title, will meet in a twenty-round go here January 23, according to announcement made by Dominick Tortorich, promoter of the new Louisiana Auditorium. Tortorich says both fighters have signed an agreement to battle and that he has promised the winner a chance at Jess Willard.

WILLARD CALLS FOR WORLD'S TITLE GO

Only Stipulates That All Receipts Be Given to the Red Cross

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Jess Willard, who some time ago in announcing his terms for a proposed boxing contest for the benefit of the Red Cross, is said to have stipulated that the bout should not be more than ten rounds and that his title should not be at stake, yesterday declared his only requirement now is that the contest shall be for the world's championship. Willard denied that he had ever stipulated that the contest should not be a championship affair. He also said that the Red Cross had never refused to accept the offer from him, and that he thought reports that the national headquarters had declined to let the organization be the beneficiary of such a contest were unfounded. Willard stated that he would be ready to enter the ring at any time against an opponent to be selected by five newspapermen. He states that the only condition he will insist on is that his opponent will do as he is doing and turn over all receipts to the Red Cross Society.

POLO PLAYER KILLED.

London, Jan. 1.—Polo has lost many of its foremost devotees during the war, and another fine player is just reported to have gone under. Major F. St. J. Atkinson, Indian Cavalry, being killed in action on the first of this month. Major Atkinson was one of the greatest polo players in India, where his handicap was 9. At Hurlingham, prior to the war, he was assessed at 8. He played for many victorious sides in India, and, as a member of the Calcutta P.C., was on the winning side in the Indian polo championship in 1909, while he scored again in 1913 as a member of the Viceroy's staff side, and was one of the Tigers' quartette that won the 15th Hussars' Cup at Lucknow in 1914. A fine all-round sportsman, Major Atkinson's death will be much regretted by many on this side of the water, as well as by Indian sportsmen generally.

BOWLER PASSES AWAY.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—Death has taken one of the best known lawn bowlers in the city in the person of Walter J. Frame, president of the Lower Mainland Lawn Bowling Association, and of the Kerrisdale Club. Mr. Frame died suddenly on Saturday, following a breakdown in health. His death will be a severe blow to all bowlers in the city. He was one of the most reliable skips and one of the best sportsmen, and gave considerable help to the establishing of the old Scotch game in the Province. He leaves two sisters and a brother, who returned from the front about a month ago.

BASEBALL PLAYERS ARE JOINING ARMY

Diamond Heroes Are Not Without Representation in U. S. Forces

Desist from the talk about big league ball players hanging back and evading their duty in the trenches. That sort of stuff was heard early last summer, when the boys didn't hurry forward and demand enlistment in a body. It doesn't do any more—not for anyone who has kept account of the numbers of players who have been stepping up to the enrollment offices, and heading for the training camps. Count them up; take note of the number of players carried by big league teams, and then see what sort of dodgers these young fellows are. The roll here offered is doubtless incomplete, for not a day passes without some player enlisting. Moreover, lots of the boys have signed up with the colors at little out-of-the-way hamlets, and it may be weeks before the names are known. But the list, such as it is, tells its own story, and deserves attention. Here's how the roll of honor stands:

- National League.
 - Boston—Gordy, Maranville, Schrieber, Barnes, Rice.
 - Brooklyn—Cadore, Sherrod, Smith, Mitjus, Pfeffer, Johnston.
 - Chicago—Mann, Shick.
 - Cincinnati—Kopf, Rath.
 - New York—Kelly, Anderson, Robertson, Baird, J. P. Jones.
 - Philadelphia—Rixey.
 - Pittsburg—Warner, Carlson, Carmody.
 - St. Louis—Miller.
- American League.
 - Athletics—Noyes, Bates, Sharman, Seibold, Naylor, Haley, Lawton, Witt, Johnson, and probably McInnis.
 - Boston—Barry, Lewis, Shore, McNally, Shotten, Gainer, Hohlitzel.
 - Berlin.
 - Chicago—Scott, Jenkins.
 - Cleveland—Harris, Klepper, DeBerry, Smith, Evans, Gulsto, Dickerson, Torkelson, Morton.
 - Detroit—Burns, Oldham, Baker.
 - New York—Pipp, Fisher, Love, Miller, Hendrix, Gilhooley, Shawkey, Smallwood.
 - St. Louis—Severeld, Jacobson, Sloan, Fincher.
 - Washington—Leonard, Milan.
- Special Class.
 - Major leaguers now unattached who have gone to the front: Al. Von Kolnitz, Moose McCormack, Sammy Strang, Bill O'Hara, Verne DeWitt, Eddie Grant and Steve Royce.

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis Association team, has signed a contract to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

MORE OLD COUNTRY ATHLETES LISTED WITH CASUALTIES

British Sportsmen Called Upon to Pay the Price of Victory

London, Jan. 1.—Major R. C. C. Ward, of the Buffs, attached to the Tank Corps, the Rugby and boxing Cambridge Blue, is reported as killed at the front. He played for Clifton College, and won the schools heavy-weight boxing in 1909, and the heaviest for Cambridge against Oxford in 1902. He obtained his Blue as a forward in 1902, and afterwards played regularly for the Harlequins, leading the pack. Captain G. B. Crole, M. C. R. F. C., of the Oxford University Rugby Blue, is in the missing list.

Swindon Star Falls. Lieut. F. G. Wheatcroft, the Swindon centre forward, who was attached to the East Surrey Regiment, has been killed in action. Before becoming a professional he won his amateur international cap, playing against Ireland in 1907. Before going to Swindon Wheatcroft assisted Fulham, Derby County and Reading.

News has been received of the death in action of Gunner Sidney Martin, who was an accomplished swimmer and water polo player, assisting the Croft House S. C. to win the Yorkshire water polo championship. He also won the swimming championship of Sheffield.

Lieut. G. C. B. James, whose death in action is announced, rowed in the Eton College boat at Henley, and was captain of his college boat at Oxford. Capt. W. L. Carver, killed, was in the Rugby XV, and cricket XI, when at Hereford School, and afterwards captained the Weston-super-Mare cricket and hockey clubs.

Famous Runner Killed. One of the best distance runners in the south of England, Capt. S. F. Ayres, has been killed whilst leading his men into action. He won the South London Harriers' mile in 1910 and 1911, and led their team home in many an inter-club race.

The death is announced of Lieut. Hughes Cameron, who succumbed to wounds in Palestine. Lieut. Cameron was a prominent player of the Clapton F. C. before the war, and he played once or twice in 1915 for West Ham United.

A well-known Maesteg footballer, Corp. Rees Bowen, R. F. A., has been killed in action. Major the Hon. L. H. Tennison, who played such fine cricket for Hampshire in 1912, is officially reported wounded for the fourth time.

Lieut. A. D. Law, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, killed in action, was also a noted footballer and cricketer when at Pettes College.

Brothers Lose Lives. Two more Edinburgh Academicals, the brothers Captain James MacLaren, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and Lieut. William MacLaren, R.F.C., have lost their lives, the former having been killed in action and the latter dying of wounds.

Capt. L. R. M. Malloch, M. C., Scottish Rifles, played for Glasgow High School (F.P.) Lieut. and Adjutant A. L. St. Clair Thompson, M.C., Liverpool Regiment, was in the fifteen at Bedford Grammar School.

Few soldiers have had a more wonderful fighting career than Brigadier-General Adrian Carton de Wiart, V.C., D.S.O., who is once again officially reported wounded. It was only a fortnight ago since his name last appeared in the list. A son of the late Maitre Carton de Wiart, one of the leading lawyers in Egypt, the gallant officer is a nephew of the Belgian minister of justice. Born in 1883, Brigadier-General de Wiart, by the way, is a keen hunting man and point-to-point rider, while his prowess at polo is well known. He was a member of the winning team in the 1911 inter-regimental contest.

GO SOUTH MARCH 16.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—One of McAdoo's trains will steam out of Chicago March 15, bearing the world's champion White Sox to their spring training camp at Mineral Wells, Texas. The date set for the departure of the White Sox is the latest of any spring training trip the team has taken in years. As the season begins April 16, the Sox will have less than a month of actual training. War time economy is responsible for the curtailment of the training season.

JOINS THE NAVY.

Johnny Lustig, the New York lightweight, who distinguished himself in battles with Benny Leonard, Freddie Welsh, Johnny Dundee and Ted Lewis, has joined the navy and is stationed at Newport, R. I. He did not join to escape the draft, as he was exempt.

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Ottawa	2	2	21	23	
Wanderers	1	3	16	25	

Next games, Wednesday, January

—Toronto at Ottawa, Canadiens at Wanderers.

Next games, Wednesday, January 2—Toronto at Ottawa, Canadiens at Wanderers.

SEATS SELL WELL.

New York, Jan. 1.—Regardless of the measure of success attained by the Cincinnati Club in 1918, the Reds will be sure of one large attendance at their home grounds, for already more than 4,000 seats have been sold for the opening game of the season at Redland Field.

The opening game of the war is a big day in all major league cities, but in Cincinnati it is more than just a big day. The Reds and their opponents, prominent citizens and various brass bands, paraded through the city in automobiles, and an impressive ceremony is held at the ball park, and the largest crowd of the year always turns out.

The advance sale of seats for every year's opener begins in the preceding fall, and as a rule at least 5,000 are sold before Christmas.

TEN-ROUND CONTESTS.

New York, Jan. 1.—One more twenty-round stronghold has adopted the ten-round system of boxing bouts. Owing to the smaller attendance at the bouts, due to the war and the consequent smaller purses, the Australian promoters have cut down the bouts from twenty to ten rounds.

According to Promoter Snowy Baker the innovation has proved to be a success and will be continued even after the war. Baker says the spectators are much better pleased with the shorter bouts as they make for more action and less stalling.

MAY REVIVE RACING.

New York, Jan. 1.—Reports have reached here that racing is to be revived next spring on Paris race tracks. According to the report, betting will be permitted and the old order of things generally instituted.

Military men have given the movement their approbation, holding that it would encourage the raising of the type of horses suitable for the army mount and that it would have a good effect on the spirit of the people. The Grand Prix is spoken of as a possibility.

LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act (to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917"), providing for the following matters, and giving to the said Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof the following powers:

- 1.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES. Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of any portion of any treasury certificate or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date of date of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills, and notwithstanding that such bills have been or may be issued pursuant to the first day of February, 1917.
- 2.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES. The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which general or local improvement rates or taxes are now or have been or may be assessed, or in respect of which such rates or taxes are in arrears, whereby such owner shall be allowed a period of ten years for the payment thereof, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) Payment in full by the owner, at or before the expiration of such agreement, of all such rates and taxes payable in respect of such land for such year.
 - (b) Payment in full in each year thereafter during the term of the agreement of all such rates and taxes payable in respect of such land for such year.
 - (c) Payment by the owner of the arrears of taxes and interest included in the agreement, within 10 years from the date of the agreement, together with interest on such arrears at 8 per cent. per annum, payable on the 28th September in each year.
- 3.—RE PROVISIONS FOR PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL FOR SALE IN CASE OF DEFAULT FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AGREEMENT IF DEFAULT IN THE CORPORATION OR IN SALE EFFECTED FOR ABROGATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE "WAR RELIEF ACT," where such agreements are executed for participation by agreement-holders in any scheme of local improvement tax relief; for power to borrow on the security of such agreements; relating to Section 44C of the Land Registry Act, and such other provisions and conditions as may be requisite.
- 4.—RE RE-ADJUSTMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT TAXES IN RESPECT OF STREET EXPROPRIATION OR WIDENING BY LAWS.
 - (a) Power to the Corporation either (a) by its Municipal Council, or (b) by a commission of three persons to be appointed by the Council, (which may con-

list of members of the Council or of persons not members thereof, or of both), or (c) by a commission consisting of three persons to be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council, to investigate and consider from time to time the whole question of local improvement taxation in connection with street widening or expropriation projects, relating to such streets or works as shall from time to time be determined by the Council.

(2) The persons or commissioners conducting such investigation to report the result thereof from time to time to the Council, with such recommendations or suggestions as they may see fit concerning suggested relief, readjustment or reduction of such taxes, or otherwise.

(3) Power to the Council, in its discretion, to give effect from time to time to any such recommendations, suggestions or reports, by law or by-law, with or without any amendments, additions or deletions thereof, or omissions therefrom, as the Council may determine.

(4) Provision that no such by-law shall take effect without having first been approved by a majority of the whole Council and by a vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon as in the case of a money by-law.

(5) Provision to be made giving the persons holding such investigation all the powers in relation to witnesses, evidence and procedure that are now conferred upon commissioners appointed under the "Public Enclosures Act."

Dated the 28th day of November, 1917.
R. W. HANNINGTON,
City Solicitor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Albert Smith, Deceased.
All persons having claims against this estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified to the undersigned not later than the 10th day of January, 1918.

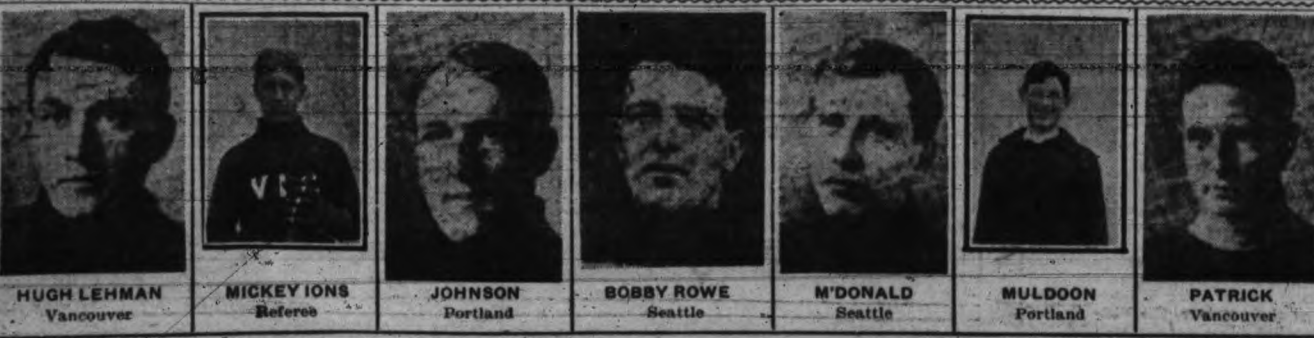
Dated the 7th day of December, 1917.
S. WOOLTON & HANKEY,
Solicitors for the Administrator,
Bank of Montreal Chambers.

NOTICE
In the Matter of the Land Registry Act and
In the Matter of Crown Grant No. 3432-231:

Whereas application has been made to register a Crown Grant covering the southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 4 Range 3, Coast District, and for the issuance of an Indefeasible Title to Frank A. Johnson, of Hadenburg, British Columbia, and in support of said application a declaration has been made that the original Crown Grant was destroyed by fire on the 1st day of July, 1910, at the Victoria B. C. Office, in the Province of British Columbia, and a Certified Copy of said Crown Grant issued by the Department of Lands has been produced for the purpose of effecting said registration; therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons or persons who may have any knowledge or information concerning the said Crown Grant to communicate with me, the undersigned, Registrar-General of Titles, at Victoria, B. C., setting forth the substance of such knowledge or information within one week from the last publication of this Notice, which I direct shall be published in the Victoria Times for one week.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 29th day of December, 1917.
J. C. GWYNN,
Registrar-General of Titles.

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Bar to D. S. O. is Given Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, Says Cable to Wife

Lieut.-Col. W. W. Foster, formerly Deputy Minister of Public Works of the province, and for the last six months officer commanding the 52nd Battalion at the front, has been awarded a bar to the D. S. O., with which he was invested by the King at Buckingham Palace a year ago.

This information was yesterday received by Mrs. Foster in a cable from Capt. Hayward, of Duncan, a close friend and former associate of Col. Foster here, and it is understood the further distinction has been awarded.



LIEUT.-COL. W. W. FOSTER, D. S. O.

principally in recognition of Col. Foster's excellent work during the fighting at the end of October and early part of November at Passchendaele, when his battalion formed part of the force which attacked Crest Farm at the point of the bayonet.

Of that fight the official communiqué stated that the attacking party killed, wounded or captured the occupants of the concrete strongholds, rooted out enemy machine guns and turned their fire on the counter-attacking forces, hastily thrown forward from the enemy reserve line behind Passchendaele Ridge. Col. Foster, who left the city in command of "C" Company, 2nd C. M. R.'s, in June, 1915, has been twice wounded and once gassed.

Boy Injured.—David Brenner, while cycling on Oak Bay Avenue near Fowl Bay Road, was struck by the car of Henry Dowell on Sunday. The boy was bruised, and the wheel damaged. Mr. Dowell took the boy home in his car.

Rotary Luncheon.—L. D. McLean, sergeant-at-arms in the local Rotary Club, some weeks ago challenged twelve members, whom he named, to a trial of eloquence. This event will take place on Thursday, when each of the chosen ones will speak for two minutes at the Empress Hotel. These members, who it is presumed usually prefer meditation to speech, will enlarge upon subjects of their own choosing. Frank Schell will lead the Rotary choir in renderings of some of the club's popular songs.

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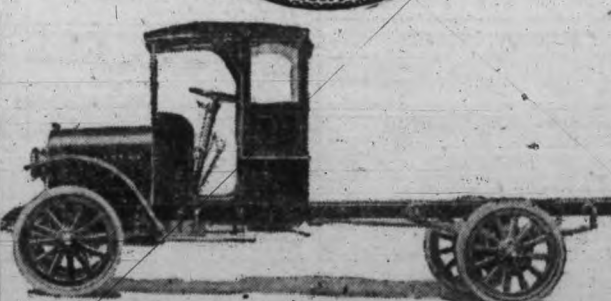
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For special gallantry under fire at Lens, Capt. Arthur Chiffert Nation has had a bar added to the Military Cross bestowed upon him a year ago for conspicuous gallantry in the field. Capt. Nation, who joined the 55th Battalion on the outbreak of the war, went overseas with a reinforcing draft for the Princess "Pats" in January, 1915, and was transferred to the 7th (1st B. C. Regiment) Battalion on reaching England, receiving his commission some time before winning the M. C. His brother, Major Harold Nation, who, with his sisters, resides at 1608 Burns Street, has returned from overseas and resumed his position as assistant to the Deputy Minister of Mines, while another brother, Philip, was killed at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915.

RAIN 13 INCHES

Sun Shone Over Victoria for 2,093 Hours During Year Now Closed.

With the previous record—made in 1891—of 12.58 inches as being the biggest recorded rainfall here in December, the month now just ended saw Jupiter Pluvius break that 1891 record with a fresh one of 13.02 inches of rain, figures which stand as the highest for the last 44 years. This total precipitation, states F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales Observatory, compares with an average rainfall for the month of 4.34, and shows that the rain was 8.68 inches above the average.

During the month of December the mean temperature was 41, a figure which represents just the average. The highest temperature was experienced on December 31, when it stood at 56; and the lowest on December 24, when the figure was 27.5. The lowest ground temperature for the month was 22.5, and also occurred on December 24. The total sunshine for the month was only 31 hours, being 34 hours below the average.

The Year's Figures.
The mean temperature for the year was 43.4, which is one degree below the average. The highest temperature during the year was that of August 19, when 82 was recorded. The lowest temperature was that of 13 on January 30. With the exception of August, November and December, all the months were below the average temperatures.

Although the sunshine last month was scant and only half the average, the total sunshine for the year was 2,093 hours, which is 62 hours above the annual average. Dividing these 2,093 hours when the beams of Apollo streamed down upon this favored locality it will be seen that the daily sunshine average for the year was 5 hours and 42 minutes.

PRESENTATION MADE

H. Ballard, Manager of Gordon's, Ltd., Receives New Year's Gift From Employees.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the establishment of Gordon's, Ltd., Yates Street, last evening, when a presentation was made by the staff to H. Ballard, the genial manager of the store.

After the close of business the employees gathered on the main floor of the building, when Mr. Laver, of the Dress Goods Department, presented the manager with a handsome reading lamp of full hammered brass with opal shade. The gift was accompanied by an expression of the staff's appreciation of Mr. Ballard's kindness, and with wishes for his happiness and prosperity in the New Year. To Mrs. Ballard was presented a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

Thanking the employees on behalf of himself and wife, Mr. Ballard, in a few happily-chosen words, voiced his appreciation of the sentiments prompted by the gift and expressed the hope that the year 1918 would see a continuance of the amicable relations which had existed between himself and the staff in the year which was just closing.

DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA

Parents of Sapper F. D. Burns Hear He is Seriously Ill in England.

John G. and Mrs. Burns, who reside on Redfern Street, have received information that their son, Sapper F. D. Burns, is seriously ill with pneumonia in England. Sapper Burns left the city with the 58th Battalion, in May, 1916, but on account of being too young, was retained in England.

Unique Survey Mark.—D. J. McDonald, of Kamloops, has a unique survey mark taken by himself from a cedar tree two miles south of Sanoce Landing in the North Thompson Valley. He is preparing the mark for exhibition at the Provincial Museum in Victoria. The mark was made by Edgar Dewdney, engineer in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway survey party, and is dated July 15, 1872. The marking was made on the trunk of a cedar tree, the bark being hewn off. The characters which are still quite distinct, were made with red lead chalk. The inscription is: V. R. C. P. R. S. Camp 4, moved 4 miles up river, July 15, 1872. Bar. 2784. Edgar Dewdney, in charge.

One Drunk Case.—The New Year's Eve celebration was too much for one Chinaman, who was released on bail pending the next sitting of the Police Court.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Hon. F. S. Barnard Becomes K. C. M. G.; Major-General Steele Also Decorated



SIR FRANCIS STILLMAN BARNARD

Sir Francis Stillman Barnard, K. C. M. G., whose name figures in the New Year honors, has been Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia since December, 1914. His Honor is at present away, his duties being in charge of the administrator in his absence. He is expected back at Government House next week.

He is the third of the ten Lieut.-Governors of British Columbia since Confederation to receive knighthood. Sir Francis, it is understood, regards the honor as being a tribute paid to the province for its magnificent response in the war and to patriotic services during the past three and a half years, rather than as a personal honor.

Well-known Family.

Sir Francis was born in Toronto on May 16, 1856, his father, Francis J. Barnard, being descended from an old-established New England family which located in Massachusetts in the middle of the seventeenth century. His father came to British Columbia at the time of the gold rush, bringing his family out in the early sixties, establishing later the celebrated express service with which the early life in the province is closely interwoven. Mr. Barnard went into politics later and was a member of the House of Commons until his health failed.

The Lieut.-Governor was educated locally and became associated with the British Columbia Express Company in 1879. He was general manager in 1881 and president in the following year. In 1883 he married Miss Martha Amelia Loewen. He was elected to the Victoria City Council in 1886 and 1887, and in the following year was returned to the House of Commons for Lillooet-Cariboo in the Conservative interest, being re-elected at the general election of 1891. Since that time he made one effort to re-enter Dominion politics, having been an unsuccessful candidate at the by-election in this city in 1902.

In business Sir Francis was chiefly known for his close association with electric traction, as president of the Consolidated Railway Company, Vancouver, 1894 to 1896, and then in various capacities with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. He retired from active business a number of years ago.

His brother is Senator Barnard, of this city.

A Genial Soldier.
Major-General Sir Sam Steele, K. C. M. G., also named in the honors list, who now holds a command in England, is well-known as a brave and skilful officer. He has many Victoria friends, and has been here on more than one occasion as inspecting officer. There are few officers in the Canadian militia list with a longer record of decorations for active service.

Sir Sam is the son of a British naval officer who settled in Simcoe County, Ontario, where he was born at Purbrook, January 5, 1849.
He entered the Thirty-fifth Regiment in 1864, and commenced active service in the Fenian Raid of that year, also proceeding to the Red River in the expedition under Col. Wolsley. For a number of years he was associated with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, being absent, however, during the Northwest Rebellion. In that outbreak he commanded the cavalry and scouts of General Strange's column. He fought several engagements with the Indians, notably at Loon Lake. He next led an expedition in the Kootenay to put down an Indian rising, and

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was associated in keeping order in the Chilkoote Pass during the Klondike gold rush.
His record in South Africa was remarkable. He commanded Lord Strathcona's corps during the whole of the war service, including several engagements, and took an active part in the pursuit of De Wet. He received numerous decorations, and was frequently mentioned in dispatches for his services in the Transvaal during the concluding stages of the war. He was successively in command of Military Districts 13 and 10, and in the present war has held a number of important inspectorates.

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Bar to D. S. O. is Given Lieut. Col. W. W. Foster, Says Cable to Wife

Lieut. Col. W. W. Foster, formerly Deputy Minister of Public Works of the province, and for the last six months commanding the 2nd Battalion at the front, has been awarded a bar to the D. S. O., with which he was invested by the King at Buckingham Palace a year ago.

This information was yesterday received by Mrs. Foster in a cable from Capt. Hayward, of Duncan, a close friend and former associate of Col. Foster here, and it is understood the further distinction has been awarded



LIEUT. COL. W. W. FOSTER, D. S. O.

principally in recognition of Col. Foster's excellent work during the fighting at the end of October and early part of November at Passchendaele, when his battalion formed part of the force which attacked Crest Farm at the point of the bayonet.

Of that fight the official communiqué stated that the attacking party killed, wounded or captured the occupants of the concrete strongholds, routed out enemy machine guns and turned their fire on the counter-attacking force, hastening forward from the enemy reserve line behind Passchendaele Ridge, Col. Foster, who left the city in command of "C" Company, 2nd C. M. R.'s, in June, 1915, has been twice wounded and once gassed.

Boy Injured.—David Bremner, while cycling on Oak Bay Avenue near Fowl Bay Road, was struck by the car of Henry Dowell on Sunday. The boy was bruised, and the wheel damaged. Mr. Dowell took the boy home in his car.

Rotary Luncheon.—L. D. McLean, sergeant-at-arms in the local Rotary Club, some weeks ago challenged twelve members, whom he named, to a trial of eloquence. This event will take place on Thursday, when each of the chosen ones will speak for two minutes at the Empress Hotel. These members, who it is presumed usually prefer meditation to speech, will enlarge upon subjects of their own choosing. Frank Schl will lead the Rotary choir in renderings of some of the club's popular songs.

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RECEIVES A BAR TO HIS MILITARY CROSS

Capt. A. C. Nation Wins Further Distinction for "Special Gallantry Under Fire"

For special gallantry under fire at Lens, Capt. Arthur Chilton Nation has had a bar added to the Military Cross bestowed upon him a year ago for conspicuous gallantry in the field.

Capt. Nation, who joined the 88th Battalion on the outbreak of the war, went overseas with a reinforcing draft for the Princess "Pals" in January, 1915, and was transferred to the 7th (1st B. C. Regiment) Battalion on reaching England, receiving his commission some time before winning the M. C. His brother, Major Harold Nation, who, with his sisters, resides at 1603 Burns Street, has returned from overseas and resumed his position as assistant to the Deputy-Minister of Mines, while another brother, Philip, was killed at the second battle of Ypres in April, 1915.

RAIN 13 INCHES

Sun Shone Over Victoria for 2,093 Hours During Year Now Closed.

With the previous record—made in 1891—of 12.55 inches as being the biggest recorded rainfall here in December, the month now just ended saw Jupiter Pluvius break that 1891 record with a fresh one of 13.02 inches of rain, figures which stand as the highest for the last 44 years. The total precipitation, states F. Napier Denison, superintendent of the Gonzales Observatory, compares with an average rainfall for the month of 4.34, and shows that the rain was 8.68 inches above the average.

During the month of December the mean temperature was 41, a figure which represents just the average. The highest temperature was experienced on December 31, when it stood at 56; and the lowest on December 24, when the figure was 27.5. The lowest ground temperature for the month was 22.5, and also occurred on December 24. The total sunshine for the month was only 31 hours, being 34 hours below the average.

The Year's Figures.
The mean temperature for the year was 48.4, which is one degree below the average. The highest temperature during the year was that of August 15, when 82 was recorded. The lowest temperature was that of 13 on January 30. With the exception of August, November and December, all the months were below the average temperatures.

Although the sunshine last month was scant and only half the average, the total sunshine for the year was 2,093 hours, which is 62 hours above the annual average. Dividing these 2,093 hours when the beams of Apollo streamed down upon this favored locality it will be seen that the daily sunshine average for the year was 5 hours and 42 minutes.

PRESENTATION MADE

H. Ballard, Manager of Gordon's, Ltd., Receives New Year's Gift From Employees.

A pleasing little ceremony took place at the establishment of Gordon's, Ltd., Yates Street, last evening, when a presentation was made by the staff to H. Ballard, the genial manager of the store.

After the close of business the employees gathered on the main floor of the building, when Mr. Laver, of the Dress Goods Department, presented the manager with a handsome reading lamp of dull hammered brass with opal shade. The gift was accompanied by an expression of the staff's appreciation of Mr. Ballard's kindness, and with wishes for his happiness and prosperity in the New Year. To Mrs. Ballard was presented a beautiful bouquet of red carnations.

Thanking the employees on behalf of himself and wife, Mr. Ballard, in a few happily-chosen words, voiced his appreciation of the sentiments prompted by the gift and expressed the hope that the year 1918 would see a continuance of the amicable relations which had existed between himself and the staff in the year which was just closing.

DOWN WITH PNEUMONIA

Parents of Sapper F. D. Burns Hear He is Seriously Ill in England.

John G. and Mrs. Burns, who reside on Redfern Street, have received information that their son, Sapper F. D. Burns, is seriously ill with pneumonia in England. Sapper Burns left the city with the 88th Battalion, in May, 1916, but on account of being too young, was retained in England.

Unique Survey Mark.—D. J. McDonald, of Kamloops, has a unique survey mark taken by himself from a cedar tree two miles south of Saanich Landing in the North Thompson Valley. He is preparing the mark for exhibition at the Provincial Museum in Victoria. The mark was made by Edgar Dewdney, engineer in charge of a Canadian Pacific Railway survey party, and is dated July 15, 1872. The marking was made on the trunk of a cedar tree, the bark being hewn off. The characters which are still quite distinct, were made with red lead chalk. The inscription reads: "V. K. C. P. R. S. Camp 4, moved 4 miles up river, July 15, 1872. Bar. 2784. Edgar Dewdney, in charge."

One Drunk Case.—The New Year's Eve celebration was too much for one Chinaman, who was released on bail pending the next sitting of the Police Court.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR

Hon. F. S. Barnard Becomes K. C. M. G.; Major-General Steele Also Decorated



SIR FRANCIS STILLMAN BARNARD

Sir Francis Stillman Barnard, K. C. M. G., whose name figures in the New Year Honors, has been Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia since December, 1914. His Honor is at present away, his duties being in charge of the administration in his absence. He is expected back at Government House next week.

He is the third of the ten Lieut.-Governors of British Columbia since Confederation to receive knighthood. Sir Francis, it is understood, regards the honor as being a tribute paid to the province for its magnificent response in the war and to patriotic services during the past three and a half years, rather than as a personal honor.

Well-known Family.
Sir Francis was born in Toronto on May 16, 1836, his father, Francis J. Barnard, being descended from an old-established New England family which located in Massachusetts in the middle of the seventeenth century. His father came to British Columbia at the time of the gold rush, bringing his family out in the early sixties, establishing later the celebrated express service with which the early life in the province is closely interwoven. Mr. Barnard went into politics later and was a member of the House of Commons until his health failed.

The Lieut.-Governor was educated locally and became associated with the British Columbia Express Company in 1873. He was general manager in 1881 and president in the following year. In 1883 he married Miss Martha Amelia Loewen. He was elected to the Victoria City Council in 1886 and 1887, and in the following year was returned to the House of Commons for Lillooet-Cariboo in the Conservative interest, being re-elected at the general election of 1891. Since that time he made one effort to re-enter Dominion politics, having been an unsuccessful candidate at the by-election in this city in 1902.

In business Sir Francis was chiefly known for his close association with electric traction, as president of the Consolidated Railway Company, Vancouver, 1894 to 1896, and then in various capacities with the B. C. Electric Railway Company. He retired from active business a number of years ago.

His brother is Senator Barnard, of this city.
A Gentle Soldier.
Major-General Sir Sam Steele, K. C. M. G., also named in the honors list, who now holds a command in England, is well-known as a brave and skilful officer. He has many Victoria friends, and has been here on more than one occasion as inspecting officer. There are few officers in the Canadian militia list with a longer record of decorations for active service.

Sir Sam is the son of a British naval officer who settled in Simcoe County, Ontario, where he was born at Purbrook, January 5, 1849.
He entered the Thirtieth Regiment in 1868, and commenced active service in the Fenian Raid of that year, also proceeding to the Red River in the expedition under Col. Wolseley. For a number of years he was associated with the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, being absent, however, during the Northwest Rebellion. In that outbreak he commanded the cavalry and scouts of General Strang's column. He fought several engagements with the Indians, notably at Loon Lake. He next led an expedition in the Kootenay to put down an Indian rising, and

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Victoria Chapter, No. 11, meets on 2nd
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bers cordially invited.

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Motor Car Missing.—The epidemic of
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OBITUARY RECORD

The death occurred last evening at
the Royal Jubilee Hospital of George
E. Pearson, of 1236 Juno Street, Esqui-
malt. The late Mr. Pearson has been
ill for several months, and death fol-
lowed an operation performed yester-
day. He is survived by a widow and
four children. Pending funeral ar-
rangements the body is at present at
the parlors of the B. C. Funeral Co.

After a brief illness of only two days,
the death occurred at St. Joseph's
Hospital yesterday of Henry Evans,
ship's boy on H. M. C. S. Rainbow. The
lad who was only seventeen years of
age, was an American, a native of
Spokane, Wash., where his mother still
resides. Pending her arrival in the
city the body is at the parlors of the
Sands Funeral Co.

The funeral of the late Charles
James Eaton took place yesterday
from the Thomson Funeral Chapel, the
Rev. J. W. Flinton officiating. Many
friends were present and the casket
was covered with beautiful floral trib-
utes, showing the esteem in which he
was held. The pallbearers were as
follows: G. C. Howell, H. Briggs,
C. R. Munro and P. B. Warren. In-
terment was in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The deaths occurred at an early
hour this morning at the Jubilee Hos-
pital of Eleanor Martha Thorp, beloved
wife of T. F. Thorp, of Strone, Al-
berta. She was born in South Wales
and was sixty-three years of age. She
is survived by, besides her husband,
two sons and one daughter, all of Al-
berta. The remains are at the Thom-
son Funeral Chapel pending funeral
arrangements which will be announced
later.

The funeral of the late George Good,
aged 86 years, whose death occurred
Dec. 29, will take place from the Thom-
son Funeral Chapel to-morrow after-
noon at 2:30. Rev. Gilbert Cook will
officiate. The funeral will be private.

BE STEADFAST!

Dark clouds do shroud the dying year;
A year of horror, doubt and strife,
Mourning for those who come no more,
And gropings in the fog of life.
Look forward, pierce the lowering sky;
What scene of happiness appears!
Ruin and wreck and bitterness,
The legacy of wasted years.

We gasp upon the choking flood,
Seeking for villany a cure.
Our only guide a whispering voice—
"Be steadfast, true and still endure."

Saluted With Apple.—Some person
threw an apple last night with glass
force as to break a large sheet of glass
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SMALL INCREASE IN
TOTAL FIRE LOSS

According to Chief Davis's report on
the Victoria Fire Department for 1917,
the department responded to 227
alarms during the year, a decrease of
ten alarms over 1916, of which 30 were
box alarms, 191 telephone alarms and
6 messenger alarms, making a total of
227 in all. The total loss by fire on
buildings and contents for the year
1917 amounted to \$14,389.51, being an
increase of \$11,908.62 over that of the
year 1916. The details were: Buildings
with insurance paid, \$12,202.51; con-
tents with insurance paid, \$31,574.50;
buildings with no insurance, \$6,077;
contents with no insurance, \$92,035;
insurance on buildings, \$285,300; in-
surance on contents, \$112,960. The principal
fire was that at the Cameron Mills on
June 8, and upon this the Chief com-
ments: "With the three streams which
were available our Department did
splendid work in confining the fire in
the buildings wherein it started. Had
it not been for this fire taking place
our fire losses would have compared
very favorably with that of 1916."

The Chief deals with the motorizing
of the apparatus, the efficiency of the
alarm system, work in the stations and
the fire inspection bureau. In this last
connection it is stated that 3,455 in-
spections were made and he attributes
the steady decrease of fires to this
system. Fourteen convictions were
secured in the police court for infrac-
tions of the by-law.

Dealing with the requirements of
the department, Chief Davis says:
"I would again recommend that a
proper and up-to-date drill tower be
built in the market yard in the rear of
the headquarters station, to be
equipped with fire escapes and stand-
pipes, so that the members of our de-
partment can be more thoroughly
drilled in the method of life saving and
fire fighting, thereby increasing effi-
ciency. I consider the present hose
tower which we use for drill purposes
is no at all adapted for such, so I
trust that your board will grant this
long felt want."

"I would again recommend that the
power feed wire from the B. C. Elec-
tric Company's sub-station on Store
Street to our high pressure station be
placed in underground conduit, that
the necessary number of feet of cable
for the carrying on of this work be
purchased and the work of installation
be commenced at the earliest possible
moment. The present overhead feed
wire I consider altogether too danger-
ous in case of a serious fire in the mill
district. At the present time, owing
to lack of steam on boilers in the city
electric light station the steam-driven
turbine pump is of little use. We have
to depend upon the electric pump in
case of any accident occurring to the
Sooke Lake water supply, which at
present feeds the high pressure system."

"I would also recommend that owing
to the increased high cost of horse feed
that No. 1 aerial truck be motorized by
the placing of a front drive tractor
under same. That a second hand 60
h.p. automobile be purchased, recon-
structed and overhauled in the depart-
ment machine shop and when finished
be placed in service at No. 6 station,
Fairfield Road. If these recommenda-
tions are carried out, we shall be able
to dispense with the services of six
horses. If this recommendation is
carried out, our whole department
will be completely motorized, which
would mean a big saving in the ex-
penditure and at the same time add
increased efficiency."

"I would also recommend that a
Ford truck be purchased. This could
be used by our superintendent of fire
alarm in line work and box inspection,
also for the delivery of supplies to the
various stations and for drill purposes.
Further, in case of a breakdown of any
of our present machines the car could
be used as a spare machine. The old
McLaughlin car could be traded in as
part payment for this truck. This re-
commendation I consider absolutely
necessary."

ELKS CELEBRATE

Dinner Party at Dominion and Dance
at Club Rooms Last Night.

The diningrooms of the Dominion
Hotel was the scene of much gaiety
last night on the occasion of a dinner
party at which A. M. Fraser was the
guest of honor.

The affair was attended by about
fifty of Mr. Fraser's brother Elks, and
was in the nature of a "farewell" to
him on the eve of his departure for
Vancouver. Much merriment was oc-
casioned by the donning of paper caps
and bonnets of various degrees of be-
comingness. Several speakers voiced
the general regret at Mr. Fraser's de-
parture, all agreeing that "he is a jolly
good fellow." After a short musical
programme the whole party adjourned
to the New Year's Eve dance given by
the Elks at their club.

About two hundred were in attend-
ance at the dance which all agree was
the most successful affair ever held by
the local fraternity. The hall was ef-
fectively decorated with flags, bunting,
holly and evergreens, this making a
charming background for the dainty
gowns of the ladies.

A splendid programme of up-to-date
music, in which "Jazz" selections pre-
dominated, was given by Ozard's or-
chestra. Dancing was continued until
about 2:30 this morning.

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IMPORTANT WORK IN
DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Much Expected in 1918 From
Recent Conference at Par-
liament Buildings

In dealing with a retrospect of the
Provincial Department of Education,
over which the Hon. J. D. MacLean
presides, it may be as well to bear in
mind the importance of the conference
held at the Parliament Buildings last
week, the report of which appears
elsewhere in this issue. The New Year
may confidently look forward to a good
deal of improvement in the educational
system of the province.

Sympathetic Move
Harking back to the time when Hon.
Dr. MacLean took office, it will be re-
membered that a large number of the
smaller schools were almost doomed to
close their doors for the simple reason
that they were unable to live up to the
required statutory average daily
attendance of eight pupils. Had not
a preventive measure, in the way of
legislation, to reduce the minimum
average, been brought down, a consid-
erable hardship would have been
worked. This, of course, the Minister
foreseen and acted accordingly.

Procedure along these lines will obtain so
long as the present abnormal war time
conditions exist, after which, adapta-
tion to new circumstances will fol-
low according to the then needs. It
should be noted here that provision
has been made permitting a still
greater measure of consolidation of
schools in district municipalities.

Agricultural Courses
An important point in connection
with educational work during the past
twelve months has been the extension
of courses of agriculture in four more
High Schools—a phase of learning
most vital to the needs of the country
at the present time—and this now
brings the total of High Schools where
similar advantages obtain, to nine. The
courses are conducted by the Depart-
ment of Agriculture. The University
and Public Schools have been con-
nected and delimited in this connection,
preventing duplication of effort and
expenditure, whilst at the same time
rendering the agricultural training
more practical and effective.

The beneficial work accomplished by
the summer schools needs but little
amplification. It will be understood in
this regard that the plan provides
teachers with instruction in the new
branches of public school activities and
increases the usefulness of the teacher,
where he or she may not have had spe-
cial training in the several depart-
ments.

The Returned Soldier.

From a lengthy reference in these
columns a few days ago, that section
of the courses of instruction at the
University of British Columbia, specifi-
cally applicable for study by the re-
turned soldier, will be fresh in the
public memory. Brief reference to the
subjects here, however, would not be
out of place, since this branch of the
Department of Education has the com-
plete sympathy and support of the
Government. Horticulture, agronomy,
livestock, motor mechanics, electrical
engineering, stationary engineering,
and a number of other equally impor-
tant lines of study are now arranged
for at the University and will be in full
swing ere long. Then again, in the
general sense, short courses of instruc-
tion have been, and are being, con-
ducted at the University in agriculture
and mining, these have been devised
to meet the more pressing needs of
men engaged in such pursuits.

Technical and Manual.
In the department of technical manual
training night schools have been
opened at Ladysmith, Cumberland and
at Nelson. In these schools, it should
be remarked, the industries native to
the district are given special attention,
as well as the provision of a general
educational training including such
subjects as stenography and other
commercial courses. Manual training
centres have been established at North
Vancouver and Domestic Science at
Point Grey, Rossland and Trail. Ex-
cellent work in these subjects is, of
course, being continued in the larger
centres such as Victoria, Vancouver,
New Westminster, etc.

AT THE HOTELS

Mrs. Davidson, of Cobble Hill, V. L.,
is a guest at the James Bay Hotel.
Alfred Weeks, of Nanaimo, is staying
at the Dominion Hotel.
Percy Switzer and Claude O. Bell,
of Duncan, are at the Dominion Hotel.
William Kidd, of East Wellington is
a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.
C. M. Emery, of San Francisco, regis-
tered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.
James Marsh and Mrs. Marsh, of
Duncan, are stopping at the Dominion
Hotel.

EXAMINATION RESULTS
OF B.C. UNIVERSITY

Local Students Pass Tests of
Provincial College; Per-
centage on Finals

The results of the annual Christmas
examinations at the University of
British Columbia have just been an-
nounced, and Victoria students in sev-
eral instances stand high in the rank-
ing. A. L. Marshall, of the Fourth
Year Arts; Miss C. Bradshaw and
Miss N. G. Clarke, passed the tests of
the final year. In the second year
Miss E. C. Lucas and Miss E. P. H.
Smith also did splendid work.

A percentage of fifty is necessary in
each examination, and a student to be
successful must not fail in more than
three subjects. Failure in more than
three subjects in the first year dis-
qualifies the student for further partici-
pation at the University during this
term. The Christmas results count
forty per cent. of the final examina-
tions in May.

The following are the results obtain-
ed by Victoria students:

Fourth Year.

The following Victoria students have
passed in all subjects of the fourth
year in Arts: Bradshaw, N. G. Clarke,
Marshall.

Third Year.

The following Victoria students have
passed in all subjects of the third year
in Arts: Grant, D. E. Kerr, Marwick,
O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts, 4th Year.

French, 4—Passed, N. G. Clarke.
Chemistry, 7—First class, Marshall.
Chemistry, 9—First class, Marshall.

Third and Fourth Years.

Economics, 3—Second class, Brad-
shaw, Passed, Marwick.
English, 5, Drama—Second class,
Marwick.

English, 8—First class, Grant; sec-
ond class, Marwick.

English, 9, (Milton)—Bradshaw,
Grant.

French, 3—Second class, N. G.
Clarke.

History, 6—First class, Bradshaw.
Latin, 4—Second class, N. G. Clarke.

Philosophy, 3—First class, Brad-
shaw; second class, Grant, Passed,
Marwick.

Third Year.

Chemistry, 3—Second class, D. E.
Kerr.

Third and Fourth Years.

Chemistry, 5—Second class, D. E.
Kerr.
Geology, 1—Second class, Bradshaw,
D. E. Kerr, N. G. Clarke, Marwick.

Mineralogy, 1—First class, Marshall.
Mathematics, 3—First class, R. C.
Hardie.

Mathematics, 3—Analytical Geome-
try, first class, R. C. Hardie.
Mathematics, 4—Calculus, first class,
Marshall.

Mathematics, 4—Analytic Geometry,
first class, Marshall.

Second Year Arts Passed.

The following students have passed
in all the subjects of the second year
in Arts: Lucas, Porter, E. P. H.
Smith.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

English 3—First class, Lucas, Smith;
passed, Porter.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—
Second Year.

French—First class, Lucas, E. P. H.
Smith; passed, Porter.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

Latin 2—First class, Lucas, Smith;
passed, Porter.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—
Second Year.

History 2—First class, Porter.

Faculty of Arts, Second, Third and
Fourth Years.

Economics 1—First class, Marshall;
second class, Porter, O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts—Second Year.

Geometry 2—Second class, Lucas, E.
P. H. Smith.

Logic—Second class, Bradshaw, N. G.
Clarke, O. E. McLean.

Faculty of Arts—Second, Third and
Fourth Years.

Psychology—First class, Bradshaw;
second class, O. E. McLean, N. G.
Clarke.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture.

Biology 1—Second class, O. E. Mc-
Lean.

Second Year Science.

The following students have passed
in all the subjects of the second year
of applied science: R. C. Hardie.
General Engineering 1—Second class,
Hardie.

Physics 2—Second class, Hardie.
Surveying 1—Passed, Hardie.
Mechanical Drawing—Second class,
Hardie.

Faculty of Arts and Agriculture—First
Year.

English Literature—Passed, Ellard,
Falconer.

English Composition—Second class,
Ellard.

History 1—First class, Lewis, Fal-
coner.

Algebra—First class, Ellard, Falcon-
er; passed, Lewis, Kilpatrick.

Geometry—Second class, Ellard;
passed, Lewis.

Physics—Passed, Falconer, Lewis.

Latin 1—Passed, Lewis.

French—First class, Kilpatrick; sec-
ond class, Lewis; passed, Falconer.

Faculty of Arts, Science and Agricul-
ture—First, Second and Third Years.

Chemistry—Passed, Falconer, El-
lard.

First Year Science.

The following students passed in all
subjects of Applied Science: J. R.
Kingham.

Geometry—Passed, Kingham.

Descriptive Geometry—Passed, King-
ham.

Algebra—Passed, Kingham.

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Drawing—Second class, Kingham.

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WORK ACCOMPLISHED DURING LAST YEAR

Provincial Government Departments Dealing With Agriculture, Mines and Lands

WAR'S NECESSITY WAS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

Demand for Lumber and Minerals More Insistent Than Ever

Reference is made elsewhere in this issue to the activities of the various departments of the Provincial Government during the year which ended its days yesterday. In the following reviews will be found some of the more salient features which have engaged the attention of the Ministers and Departments of Agriculture, Mines and Lands.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

In common with other provinces of the Dominion, when the empire-wide cry for increased production from the land becomes more insistent every day, British Columbia's Department of Agriculture has not turned a deaf ear to the call of the Motherland and her Allies. Directed partly towards the satisfaction of the needs of the times and partly with a view to permitting British Columbia to come into her own from the agricultural point of view, Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture, brought in his amendments to the Agricultural Act of 1915. The Agricultural Credits portion was repealed and the main provision in respect thereof merged into the Land Settlement and Development Act.

An Important Act.

The public generally is by this time familiar with the scope and intent of the Act. It is operated by a body appointed within the provisions of the measure and named the Land Settlement Board, comprising a chairman and

five directors. It is the duty of the chairman, and he is fulfilling that part of the programme, to make occasional trips through the country in connection with the labors of other members of the Board; generally speaking, however, the nature of his duties require his presence almost entirely at the offices of the Board in the Parliament Buildings Annex, on Superior Street, where he deals with the reports of the directors and controls the office staff.

Animals Act.

There were a number of important features incorporated in the Animals Act, such as the provision for the registration of brands and the appointment of brand inspectors; the registration of stock removal, and the disposition of stock mixed in transit. The Act also provides for butchers keeping records of cattle slaughtered, and the brands thereof. The trend of the statute is to make it as difficult as possible for thieves to dispose of stolen animals, and for this purpose dealers in hides are required to hold a license.

Tuberculin Test.

The Contagious Diseases Animals Act was amended during the session and made a good deal more workable by the improvements introduced by the Minister from this wealth of practical farming experience. A standard for dairies was arrived at and provisions made for the enforcement of the anti-tubercular regulations. The vote of money for that purpose being doubled. A new provision was enacted making the injection of tuberculin into cattle, for the purpose of preventing the operation of the tuberculin test, a punishable offence under the statute.

Beneficial Legislation.

The Sheep Protection Act was designed to protect sheep from the ravages of dogs. The provisions of the measure are so stringent that if faithfully enforced, adequate protection will be afforded from the depredations of worthless dogs. One large district on Vancouver Island has already availed itself of the protection of the Act. The Egg Marks Act was amended so as to make its provisions more workable, while the effects of the amendments have already been reflected by a number of prosecutions, for violation of their provisions, and convictions secured.

Will Fulfill Mission.

The public is well aware by this time of the educational plans being carried on, and the extensions immediately contemplated, by the Department from the several references recently in these columns. Suffice it to say, then, that the Minister of Agriculture is alive to the necessity for increased

production of food stuffs and stocks of the province known far and wide as the "dry belt."

DEPARTMENT OF MINES.

While the annual report of the Department of Mines, presided over by the Honorable William Sloan, has not yet been issued, it is expected that last year's output of minerals will be considered satisfactory, particularly when the various unfortunate circumstances and unforeseen conditions have been taken into account. That the output as a whole will not equal the record of 1916 may be taken for granted, principally on account of the intermittent labor troubles. The recent strike, which brought the vast operations of the Canadian Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company at Trail to a standstill, is a striking example of one of the hindering factors to a 1917 record for the Province.

Generally Satisfactory.

Nevertheless, the Hon. Mr. Sloan is gratified at the all-round results for the year and that satisfaction is similarly shared by mining men throughout the Province, as well as by those interests further afield, who are constantly training their figurative telescope on the mining activities of British Columbia. The several Acts placed on the statute books during the first legislative session of the present administration have doubtless worked out to the material benefit of the prospector and the operator, despite approximately varying substance exhibited in certain quarters.

Constructive Legislation.

The chief feature aiding the work of the Department of Mines under its present Minister, was the passage of legislation directed to assist the prospector and the mining operator. That accomplished, its active application during the season just closed has more than justified the creation of such machinery of development and, as time goes on, will remove those many monuments of waste endeavor which have long dotted the mining districts of British Columbia. Another measure now meeting with general commendation is the Mineral Survey and Development Act. It will be recalled that this legislation provided for the division of British Columbia into six mineral survey districts, with a qualified resident mining engineer in charge. The men selected by the Minister are engineers of practical experience and well qualified for the duties assigned to them, with the result that the engineering staff of the Department commands the confidence of the mining world.

Needs of War.

Throughout the summer months these officials have been engaged in the inspection of properties in their various areas, reporting on their present showings and their possibilities, recommending or otherwise Government aid in the transportation of ore to the markets. With the persistent demands for unimpeded war situation the engineers have devised a good deal of energy to give every possible advice to prospectors and operators as to how best to work their claims in order to prove the ore bodies with the one aim of greater output wherever such ore exists in commercial quantities.

Bright Outlook.

One of the pleasing results of the new legislation has been the effect of bringing into close personal touch the Government engineers and miners. The latter are availing themselves of the former's knowledge and solving of their problems and are finding the aid, which is freely given, of the utmost practical value. While much could be said of this most important Government branch, space will not permit of anything more than the general forecast of a still greater mining development throughout the coming year, and to this end the Department has been and will continue to be, engaged on many questions directed towards that desirable objective.

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS.

The Department of Lands, with the Forest, Water, and Survey branches as subsidiary organizations, is presided over by the Hon. T. D. Pattullo, and a retrospect of the year just ended gives the titular head of the quadruple department matter for satisfactory contemplation. With the somewhat unhappy state of the large tracts of land in various sections, particularly the North, it may be as well in this review to devote more remark to the reorganization of the Lands Department, deemed advisable by the Minister incidentally at any rate, to the ultimate removal of conditions which are at the moment hindering development.

Four In One.

Briefly, that reorganization has been to consolidate the four branches, Land, Forest, Water, and Survey into one comprehensive whole. Hitherto each particular branch had its own staff and its own specific organization. The change, however, has resulted in the carrying out of the work entailed in the conduct of all four, with far greater dispatch and with chances of useless and by the way, expensive overloading of staff and overlapping of effort reduced to the vanishing point.

The Proper Way.

For the convenience of the public, practically all public business with the Department is transacted in what was formerly the "General Office of the Lands Department," where all inquiries in connection with either Land, Water, Forest, or Surveys are handled. This phase of the combined Department's work, of course, applies to the general routine, since questions of a technical nature are referred to the respective technical heads, i.e., Controller of War Rights, Chief Forester, Superintendent of Lands or Surveyor-General.

More Crown Grants.

During the past year a greatly increased number of Crown Grants have been issued, which is largely accounted for by the completion of application for proportionate allotments under the Soldiers' Homestead Act, a considerable number of which are now being dealt with. And it may be here noted that three members of the staff are now employed solely on this work. It will also be remembered that during the summer months of this present year Mr. Pattullo went thoroughly into the matter of irrigation in that section

of the province known far and wide as the "dry belt."

First Hand.

Not desirous of relying upon information supplied to him through the various channels he took a trip to the very spots concerned and studied the question for himself, aided by expert information and discussion in the districts themselves. As a result of that trip he is now in a position to bring down legislation at the session which commences its deliberations on February 7 next which, he contends, is calculated to meet the situation.

Lumbering Business.

The activity in the lumbering business during the past year is shown by the gratifying increase in logs peeled throughout the province, the total having risen from 1,194 million feet in 1916 to 1,569 million in 1917—an increase of no less than 31 per cent. The forest revenue of the province has reflected this striking improvement by increasing 15 per cent. to a total of no less than two million and a quarter dollars. Included in this is the sum of \$200,000 paid as royalty on cut logs—a figure which breaks all previous records and which exceeds last year's collection by no less than \$6 per cent.

Ninefold Increase.

The 241 sales of Crown timber effected have been particularly successful, the total value dealt with \$43,094 being more than double the amount for the previous year. The demand for aeroplane spruce and fir pulp and paper products has stimulated a very noticeable development in lumbering on the northern coast. In Prince Rupert Forest District the log production was more than doubled and the value of timber sales has increased ninefold over the previous year.

Many Fires—Little Loss.

In many sections of the province the summer of 1917 proved to be one of the most dangerous on record as far as forest fires were concerned, and it is a matter of considerable satisfaction that, although nearly a thousand fires occurred with heavy damage in a few localities, the aggregate property loss was not noticeably light. In this connection, too, a patrol of increased efficiency was maintained at a far lower cost than in previous years, in spite of the difficulties caused to the Department by the heavy percentages of enlistment among its staff.

What of 1918?

One of the most encouraging features of the lumbering business during the last year—with promises of still greater things during 1918—was the strong demand for shipbuilding and aeroplane material. That condition, not a theory, taken in conjunction with the buoyant condition of the prairie markets, augurs well for a continuation of that activity. While indulging in this somewhat rosy prospect there still remains the possibility that shortage of labor and of logging equipment may be factors which may limit the ability of the province to meet the 1918 demand for her forest products. On the other hand, the fact that several concerns are planting huge production of aeroplane spruce, mention of which has already been made in these columns, suggests that necessity will still be the mother of invention in 1918.

FARM WORK BY GIRLS AS AID TO ALLIES

Duncan, Jan. 1.—A letter from an English girl of about 20 to a friend in Cowichan tells incidentally of the difference the war has made in the home life there. This girl, whose life in ordinary times would be a round of enjoyment, was teaching in a private school after having spent some time as pupil teacher and taking other training for a year or more. During her last holiday she went out to work on a farm and found spreading manure and hoeing all day long very tiring. Haymaking, while still back-breaking work, was pleasant and they sometimes worked by moonlight. This Christmas holiday she expected to go to a farm to do milking. This was all told as a matter of course. Cowichan girls who have been taking hold and doing most excellent work on the farms during the past summer and autumn have, like their English sisters, found it necessary to wear a suitable costume for this work. The local shops are stocked with different patterns of women's overalls.

If the example of the English girls and of girls of Cowichan and two of three of the districts of British Columbia were generally followed this province could do a great deal more to help in the raising of cows, pigs and sheep.

WORK OF EXEMPTION BOARDS IN STATES

Washington, Jan. 1.—The local draft boards have been instructed by Post-Marshall-General Crowder to use "common sense and sympathy in the facts of each individual case" in determining what would be adequate support for dependents of a man registered for war service.

Many boards have indicated doubt as to what should be done when it appears that a soldier's pay and war risk allowances would provide support for dependents whose claims otherwise would entitle the registrant to deferred classification.

AMERICAN-IRISH MARRIAGE.

London, Jan. 1.—Among several recent marriages in the American list of the Irish coast with Irish girls, according to The Daily Chronicle, was that of a sailor named Groff to Miss Nora Carroll. The bride is the daughter of Lady Ellen Carroll, whose husband, the late Sir James Carroll, was prominent in the civic life of Queenstown.

CONFIDENT THIS YEAR WILL BRING VICTORY

Lloyd George's Messages to Allies; Predicts Blow by Italy

London, Jan. 1.—The New Year's message sent to the Government of the United States by Mr. Lloyd George is similar to the messages sent by him to all the Entente nations except Russia. He thanks them all for the fortitude of their military and naval forces. The communication to the United States is the only one which mentions the league of nations standing as the guardian of justice and liberty. The dispatch to Japan is somewhat shorter than the others, mentioning only that nation's naval services. All of them except those sent to the United States and Japan close thus:

"No words of mine can adequately convey our sense of what we owe to the forces which are fighting and suffering so that those behind the lines may enjoy liberty and peace. We can only thank them from the bottom of our hearts in full confidence that the New Year will see the fruition of their sacrifices in victory."

In his message to Italy, Mr. Lloyd George adds the following:

"The successful stand made during the last month by the Italian troops, despite the recent reverses, against the continued and desperate enemy assaults, filled the world with admiration. I am confident Italy not only will withstand all further attacks, but ere long will strike another mighty blow for the liberation not only of her own country, but of Europe from the militarist domination which has menaced it so long."

RELIEVING SHORTAGE OF COAL IN NEW ENGLAND

Washington, Jan. 1.—Measures to relieve the New England coal shortage were taken last night after the situation had claimed the attention during the day of four Government Departments. The problem was taken up jointly by the Fuel Administration, the Navy Department, the Shipping Board and the new Director-General of Railroads.

These relief measures were announced: The Shipping Board ordered nine steamships to proceed to Hampton Roads for coal cargoes for New England and directed them to remain in the service until the shortage is over.

The Navy Department put at the disposal of the Fuel Administration a part of a large store of steam coal at the Boston navy yard and arranged to employ idle naval tugs and colliers in transporting coal from Hampton Roads to New England ports. It also instructed navy yard commanders to deliver to the poor scrap of timber at the yards.

The Director-General of Railroads released 1,500 cars of coal standing on Pennsylvania railroad tracks between New York and Harrisburg, Pa., and directed that they go immediately to New England cities.

In addition to the nine ships turned over to the New England coal carrying trade, the Shipping Board will try to supply other vessels and will utilize all tugs and barges that may be spared from other work.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO PETROGRAD

Paris, Jan. 1.—Premier Clemenceau yesterday refused the request of a delegation of Socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies for passports to Petrograd for Socialist delegates.

The Premier told the Socialists that he did not doubt their patriotism, but said the situation at Petrograd was too unsettled for a useful result to be obtained from their intervention and that giving them passports might seem like an endorsement of their mission, which would produce a harmful effect on opinion at the front as well as in the rear.

Many people would not fail to say in that case, added the Premier, that France was taking part in preliminary negotiations for peace, which was in no wise thought of in the absence of serious representations from the enemy.

QUICKSILVER FOUND IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A neighborhood quicksilver mine located on the edge of the Italian quarter here is returning a rich yield daily to several boys who discovered the liquid ore while rummaging for a lost baseball. It was reported here to-day.

Operating with barrels, pans and oil cans, the boy prospectors are recovering about 70 pounds of quicksilver a day, it was said.

It was believed here that the find is part of a \$100,000 store held in the warehouse of R. Kittle & Company up to the time of the earthquake here in 1906. The building was destroyed by the shock and the valuable metal streamed from the broken casks and was lost.

DIED IN NEW WESTMINSTER.

New Westminster, Jan. 1.—Thomas Archibald McInnes, aged 59 years, a cousin of W. W. B. McInnes, Vancouver, died on Saturday at the home here of his sister, Mrs. Hugh Campbell. He was a native of Nova Scotia and had been a resident of New Westminster for the past thirty-five years. He was employed for some time as steward in the penitentiary here and had been engaged in the real estate business.

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READY FOR ANOTHER MEXICAN RAID AT AMERICAN BORDER

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—Every available Texas Ranger has been dispatched to Alpine and its vicinity by Adjutant-General Harley on receipt of reports that the Mexicans were planning a raid over the border.

BOLSHEVIKI TROOPS BEATEN BY COSSACKS AND UKRAINIANS

Stockholm, Dec. 31, London, Jan. 1.—Ukrainian and Cossack forces, in a great battle on the southwestern front, have defeated Bolsheviki troops, taking 400 prisoners and capturing eight big guns and 32 machine guns, according to a dispatch received by The Dagbladet Nyheter from Petrograd, by way of Harparanda. The Cossacks are in hot pursuit of the Bolsheviki.

ROUMANIAN KING OPENS PARLIAMENT

Jassy, Roumania, Dec. 28, via Petrograd and London, Jan. 1.—The Roumanian Parliament was opened to-day with an address by King Ferdinand.

"However painful may be the sacrifices that we may still have to make in order to realize our legitimate aspirations," said the King, "we have the deep conviction that they will be recompensed on the decisive day when there is established a reign of justice and liberty in the relations of the nations."

The King bestowed warm praise on the army. He thanked the Parliament for the constitutional reforms enacted at the last session and for the laws providing equal suffrage and appointment of land among the people.

BERLIN DELEGATES AND RUSSIAN DISSENSIONS

Petrograd, Dec. 31.—Via London, Jan. 1.—An interview with Admiral Keyserlingk, a member of the German delegation which arrived in Petrograd last week, is published by his interviewer that the Bolsheviki constituted only one party in Russia and were not recognized by a majority of the people, the admiral said.

"That is a matter of your internal politics, which in no wise concerns us. However, Germany would not wish to conclude peace with only one party. That is why we insisted that the delegates from Ukraine be admitted to the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk."

"We have not declined to hear representatives of other nationalities in Russia, even of other parties. We understand that a durable peace is attainable only when the factional passions in Russia have been allayed. Therefore, however much we desire peace, we await the re-establishment of order."

The admiral denied that the question of peace was bound up with the Constituent Assembly.

M'ADOO ORGANIZING AMERICAN RAILROADS

Washington, Jan. 1.—Railroad Director-General McAdoo has dissolved the Railroad War Board at its own suggestion and appointed Hale Holden, a member of the board, to direct the nation-wide organization which it has built up.

The Director-General also has appointed a temporary advisory cabinet, consisting of Mr. Holden, John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency; Harry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line; Edward Chambers, traffic manager for the Food Administration, and Walker D. Hines, now assistant to the Director-General.

TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A new wage scale granted electrical workers and operators of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, containing an increase over the scale propounded by the President's mediation commission in its recent deliberations, became effective to-day. The increase, as determined in the negotiations between delegates of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and telephone company representatives, grants electrical workers a minimum wage of \$17.5 a day, with a minimum for student operators varying between \$9 weekly to \$9.50 on the smaller exchanges. The maximum to be obtained in not more than three years is from \$15.30 to \$12 a week.

SENTENCED TO YEAR.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—Donald McKenzie, who was arrested some weeks ago on a charge of deserting from the 72nd Battalion, was tried yesterday, found guilty and sentenced to one year with hard labor.

FOUR NEW PEERAGES HAVE BEEN CREATED

King George Bestows Large Number of Awards for War Services

London, Jan. 1.—The New Year's honor list announced last night bestows a large number of awards for war services of various kinds, with a sprinkling to literature and art. Among the most prominent men to receive honors are Sir Frederick E. Smith, the Attorney-General, who is now in the United States, to be a baronet, while Knighthoods are bestowed on John Galsworthy and Anthony Hope, authors.

Four new peerages are created—Rt. Hon. Frederick Cawley, Liberal M. P. and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Sir John B. Lonsdale, Conservative M. P. for Mid-Armagh; Almeric Hugh Paget, a Unionist leader, and Sir James T. Woodhouse, Royal Commissioner under the Defence of the Realm Act. Baron Furness, the shipping magnate, is made a viscount.

Henry Norman, journalist, traveler, author and a graduate of Harvard University, and Thomas Richards, Labor member of Parliament for West Monmouthshire, are made Privy Counsellors. The new Knights include John Scott Kellie, the geographer; John Lavery, the painter; Sidney J. Low, author and journalist; Edwin L. Lutyens, the architect; David Murray, R. A., artist; Leslie Ward, the artist, and Dr. Andrew Macphail, professor of the history of medicine in McGill University, Montreal.

BERLIN GOVERNMENT AND FINLAND'S STATUS

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—A delegation from the Finnish Senate has visited Berlin and been received by Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, whom it asked for recognition by Germany of the independence of Finland, says a Berlin dispatch. The Chancellor in reply said the German people had great sympathy with the aspirations of the Finnish people, but that Germany's recognition of the independence of Finland depended upon an agreement in that respect being reached between Finland and the Russian Government, with which Germany was negotiating.

FINES OF \$25.

Duncan, Jan. 1.—As a sequel to the case in Victoria against the Chinaman Ching, who was imprisoned for supplying whiskey to Indians, Johnny Whinnock, of the Quinchians, and Hubston, of Chemainus, were each fined \$25 and costs for being in possession of intoxicants. They were tried before Stipendiary Magistrate J. Maitland-Douglass.

AMERICAN AIRMAN KILLED.

Paris, Jan. 1.—An American aviator was killed on Sunday while making a test flight at an aviation centre before the French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently he made a loop successfully, but on attempting to repeat the feat he fell. He was dying when picked up, but insisted on reporting to his American comrades with his last breath the observations he had made.

EIGHT CLUBS SHARE.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Teams finishing in the first divisions in the National and American League pennant races will hereafter share in the players' receipts for the world series. This decision was reached at a conference here between Aug. Hermann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, representing the National League, and President Johnson, of the American League.

The new plan of dividing the annual baseball prize means that eight clubs will share in the money instead of only the winners of two league championships.

CHEESE MADE ICICLES.

Among a number of presents received by a newly-married couple was a whole cheese. One cold frosty night the wife, who was lying in her bed, told her husband to "put on the night's coat, and come to bed. To let everybody see their cheese, they had hung it in the kitchen, dangling from the roof by a rope. Paying no heed to what he was doing, he cut the rope, put the cheese on the fire, and retired to bed.

Next morning they both woke up at the same time, and the wife, thinking it near eight o'clock, was rising to prepare breakfast, when her husband, who had walked over to the fireplace, cried to her: "For goodness' sake, the poor, poor cheese. The icicles are hanging from the fire ribs."

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STRIKE OF FISHERMEN HAS BEEN AVERTED

Prince Rupert and Ketchikan Branches Favor Acceptance of New Agreement

There will be no strike of deep sea fishermen.

The fishermen of Prince Rupert and Ketchikan, according to the latest reports, have voted in favor of accepting the new agreement submitted by the employers to the Deep Sea Fishermen's Union. The Vancouver and Seattle unions had previously voted in favor of the acceptance of the new wage schedule. The new agreement went into effect to-day.

The companies operating fishing vessels have granted an advance for halibut of from 2 cents a pound up to November 1, and 2 1/2 cents a pound after November 1, to 4 cents a pound the year around, to fishermen employed in vessels plying out of Vancouver, Seattle, Prince Rupert and Ketchikan. The advance applies only to halibut, the old scale for other fish being agreed to by the men and officers of the fishing companies.

CUTTER BEAR TO BE CONVERTED INTO TRAINING VESSEL

The American cutter Bear, after 22 years in the coastguard service, is to be converted into a training vessel for merchant marine officers. For many years past the Bear has made annual cruises to the Arctic Ocean. It was the Bear that brought to Esquimalt the shipwrecked members of the Stefansson party from Wrangell Island.

HIS GAME.

"How did he make his fortune?"
"Promoting bazars for worthy charities."

PLANS TO EXPAND ITS OCEAN ROUTES

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Will Add New Tonnage to North Pacific Service This Year

NEW SHIPS NEARING COMPLETION IN JAPAN

With the inauguration of 1918 the Osaka Shosen Kaisha proposes to expand its sphere of operations on the Pacific and reorganize its numerous foreign services in anticipation of close competition in overseas trade.

Steamships of large tonnage are under construction in Japanese shipyards to the order of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and as several of these vessels are about to be launched, and in view of the announced intention of the company to utilize some of these ships for the expansion of its North Pacific services, a few months should see marked changes, by the addition of the larger tonnage, on the China-Japan-British Columbia and Puget Sound route. Many months ago it was announced in these columns that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha had four steamships of the type of the Manila Maru, equally large freight carriers of 10,000 tons, but with increased first class passenger accommodation, under construction in Japan, these vessels being destined for the Victoria and Seattle trade.

On This Route. Two of these vessels are due to be launched and, according to reports of O. S. K. commanders, are expected to be placed on this route during the early part of this year. Owing to the difficulty of securing steel in Japan, however, the entry of these new ships to the trans-Pacific service may be slightly delayed.

With all its expansion plans completed, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will have a combined mercantile fleet of 415,000 tons, and it is anticipated that this scheme will be consummated by the beginning of next year.

Programme of Expansion. Since May 1, 1914, when the Osaka Shosen Kaisha was organized, the record of the Japanese company has been one of general expansion. From the time of its organization up to the present time the company has been constantly adding to its fleet, replacing the smaller vessels by ships of larger tonnage. Vessels like the Canada Maru, Chicago Maru, Panama Maru, Mexico Maru, Seattle Maru and Tacoma Maru, nine in all, are of more than 6,000 tons gross; the Manila Maru and Hawaii Maru are of 10,000 tons, six others are of over 4,000 tons, eighteen of more than 2,000 tons, and the balance of the fleet ranging from 1,000 to 1,500 tons.

When the North Pacific service was established to Victoria, Seattle and Tacoma, of first importance was the provision of large cargo ships capable of carrying immense loads of raw silk and other products of the Orient and returning with foodstuffs and manufactured goods. For this reason the first liners were equipped with but limited passenger accommodation.

In its North Pacific service the Osaka Shosen Kaisha employs four 6,000-ton and two 10,000-ton steamships reg-

ularly, and at the present time, owing to the great demand for bottoms, a number of 4,000-ton cargo vessels are being employed. These vessels connect British Columbia and Puget Sound ports with Yokohama, Kobe, Moji, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Manila and Hongkong. The company's South American service is maintained by two 6,000-ton steamers with six sailings a year from Japan, with calls at Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Hongkong, Singapore, Durban, Cape Town, Buenos Ayres and Rio de Janeiro.

The Australian service is a monthly one, and is taken care of by two 4,000-ton steamers connecting Hakodate, Yokohama, and Kobe with Manila, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. As evidence of the remarkable growth of the business out of Pacific Northwest ports, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, despite the great size of its fleet, has been forced to charter vessels at high rates in order to handle the business offering.

New Routes Contemplated. Recent reports from Japan are to the effect that the Osaka Shosen Kaisha is contemplating the establishment of at least two new ocean routes after the war. To meet the requirements for the present and proposed lines, the company is now building between 20 and 25 passenger and cargo ships at the Osaka Iron Works and other ship-building plants in Japan.

DISTRESS CALL FROM STEAMER F. A. KILBURN

Wireless Message Reports Passenger Vessel Leaking Off Oregon Coast

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—An S.O.S. message from the passenger and freight steamer F. A. Kilburn, Captain Wayland, picked up by the naval radio station here early this morning, reported the steamer leaking and in distress twenty miles off shore and 20 miles north of Yaquina Head, Ore. The coast guard cutter answered the call from nearby.

The steamer F. A. Kilburn, 612 tons net, was in the trade of the North Pacific Steamship Company, carrying passengers and merchandise between Portland and San Francisco. The vessel was due here to-day three days out of Portland.

May Effect Repairs. Astoria, Ore., Jan. 1.—The steamer F. A. Kilburn reported last night by wireless that her engines had broken down, but that an attempt would be made to make repairs without help. She has not been heard from since, according to her agents here. No passengers were on the vessel.

Kilburn in Tow. Marshfield, Ore., Jan. 1.—The steamer Cellio has the steamer F. A. Kilburn in tow, according to a wireless message received here to-day. No further details as to the cause of the Kilburn's trouble were given. The steamers were reported 35 miles off the Columbia River.

SPARE TIME. "What do you do in your spare time?" "In my spare time I usually write the letters that I should have written when I was loafing on the job during business hours."

DIED THIS MORNING.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Harry George Billingsley, at the age of 60 years. A native of London, England, the deceased had been resident in this city for the past 15 years. He leaves, besides a widow, three sons and one brother. The funeral will take place under the auspices of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, from the Sands Funeral Chapel at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

PRESIDENT OF ALASKA STEAMSHIP CO. DEAD

Seattle, Jan. 1.—Word was received here yesterday of the death yesterday in St. Augustine, Fla., of S. W. Eccles, president of the Alaska S. S. Company and the Copper River & Northwestern Railway Company of Alaska. Eccles recently went from his New York headquarters to Florida in an effort to regain his failing health. For nearly 30 years he was connected with the Union Pacific.

RAVALLI SUSTAINS FRACTURED SHAFT

Picked Up North of Ketchikan by Steamer Alameda and Towed to Wrangell

With a broken tail-shaft, the steamship Ravalli, of the Pacific Steamship Company, was picked up fifty miles north of Ketchikan on Sunday by the steamer Alameda, of the Alaska Steamship Company's fleet, and towed into Wrangell.

The Ravalli became disabled while on her southbound voyage from Alaska ports with large shipments of canned salmon and salt fish. Three hours after breaking down she was sighted by the Alameda, which went to her assistance in answer to her distress signals. It was believed that the Ravalli had lost her wheel until the survey was made in Wrangell harbor by Capt. Robert McGilivray, her master, who found the tail-shaft had been fractured.

The tug Warrior has been sent north to tow the Ravalli in tow from Wrangell.

TRAVEL STILL HEAVY TO CALIFORNIA PORTS

If the advance bookings can be taken as any criterion travel by the water route to California will continue well into the New Year.

Local agents of the Pacific Steamship Company announce that the local allotment of space has been changed, but considerable difficulty is being experienced in taking care of everybody desiring to spend a holiday under the clear skies of the South.

All the local accommodation on the steamship Queen, scheduled to sail from this port on Thursday, has been taken up. The sailing of the Queen will mark a change in the hour of departure. The Queen will leave the Outer Rocks at 5 p.m., instead of 10 p.m., and future southbound sailings will come under the new schedule.

WIRELESS REPORT

Jan. 1, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Rain; S. E. fresh; 30.02; 51; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.98; 47; sea smooth.
Pachena—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.95; 52; sea rough.
Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.69; 46; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.62; 46; sea smooth.
Triangle—Fog; S. E. fresh; 29.78; 45; dense seaward. Spoke str. Anyox.
8.25 p.m. Millbank Sound, southbound.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. W. light; 29.60; 41; sea smooth.
Ikeda Bay—Cloudy; S. W.; 29.29; 46; sea moderate.
Noon.
Point Grey—Rain; S. E. strong; 30.00; 51; thick seaward.
Cape Lazo—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.98; 49; sea moderate.
Pachena—Rain; S. E. strong; 29.95; 52; sea rough.
Estevan—Rain; calm; 29.70; 47; sea moderate.
Alert Bay—Overcast; S. W. light; 29.64; 46; sea smooth. Spoke str. Prince Rupert, 10.30 a.m., abeam, northbound.
Triangle—Fog; N. W. moderate; 29.85; 40; dense seaward.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. W. light; 29.64; 40; sea smooth.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B. C., for the month of January, 1918:

	Sunrise	Sunset
	Hour Min.	Hour Min.
Jan. 1	8 06	4 27
Jan. 2	8 06	4 28
Jan. 3	8 06	4 29
Jan. 4	8 06	4 30
Jan. 5	8 05	4 31
Jan. 6	8 05	4 32
Jan. 7	8 05	4 33
Jan. 8	8 05	4 34
Jan. 9	8 05	4 35
Jan. 10	8 05	4 37
Jan. 11	8 04	4 38
Jan. 12	8 04	4 40
Jan. 13	8 04	4 41
Jan. 14	8 03	4 42
Jan. 15	8 03	4 44
Jan. 16	8 03	4 45
Jan. 17	8 03	4 47
Jan. 18	8 02	4 48
Jan. 19	8 02	4 50
Jan. 20	8 02	4 52
Jan. 21	8 02	4 53
Jan. 22	8 01	4 55
Jan. 23	8 01	4 56
Jan. 24	8 01	4 58
Jan. 25	8 01	4 59
Jan. 26	8 00	5 01
Jan. 27	8 00	5 02
Jan. 28	8 00	5 04
Jan. 29	7 59	5 05
Jan. 30	7 59	5 07
Jan. 31	7 59	5 08

PAYS TRIBUTE TO WORK OF AMERICANS

Naval Electrician E. C. Burt Praises Efforts of United States Men at Halifax

GIGANTIC ROAR HURLED EVERYBODY TO GROUND

Heroic Work of Dockyard Men Saved Magazine From Destruction

"Every praise is due to the Americans for the splendid work they did after the place had been laid in ruins. It was but shortly after the explosion that an American troopship reached Halifax and to a large extent the work of mercy, rescuing the injured from the debris and removing them to the hastily improvised hospitals, fell upon the men of this ship and I must say that they did splendidly."

"Detachments were placed on guard and others armed with picks and shovels worked unceasingly in removing a place of safety those who had survived. There was no complaint and they worked without thinking of rest in their efforts to succor the injured and recover the dead."

Such is the tribute paid to the Americans who arrived at Halifax following the terrible catastrophe, by E. C. Burt, of 226 St. Charles Street, naval electrician, who was stationed at the Halifax depot at the time of the disaster. One of the complement who left Esquimalt on the Shearwater, Mr. Burt was later transferred to the shore station and employed in the naval workshops at Halifax. He is now at his home here on ten days' leave of absence.

"I was working in the dockyard workshop about 9.10 a.m. on December 6, when I was startled by a terrific roar," said Mr. Burt to a Times representative to-day in describing his experience immediately following the disaster which reduced the northern part of the Nova Scotia city to a mass of smoking ruins and left wholesale death in its wake.

"The windows were hurled out of their casings and the building I was in seemed to crumple up," he said. "All who were in the workshop were hurled to the floor, so great was the force of the explosion. 'We all thought the city was being bombed as soon as we had sufficiently recovered our senses, and were anticipating another explosion. Before the roof came down I had the presence of mind to roll under a bench, and luckily escaped with but a slight cut in the head."

One man who had been at work in the workshop, said Mr. Burt, was killed outright, but the others were particularly fortunate. The flying glass was the greatest danger. The first thing Mr. Burt noticed after regaining his feet was a number of badly lacerated men wandering about the dockyard, dazed by the tremendous concussion.

Margaret Took Dive. Looking out over the harbor he then saw the steamer Margaret, which had been moored alongside the dockyard wharf, take a tremendous dive. This was caused by the tidal wave which swept across the harbor after the Mont Blanc had been blown up. "She seemed to dip about 12 feet," said Mr. Burt in speaking of the remarkable antics of the Margaret. "The men aboard her got a big scare and were under the impression that she was going down."

How Magazine Was Saved. Great work was accomplished by the naval lads in saving the dockyard magazine. Fortunately the wind was blowing in the opposite direction, or, despite the valiant efforts of the sailors, it is probable that the fire would have reached the magazine and destroyed it. This would have been another disaster second only in destructiveness to the Mont Blanc explosion. Throughout the first day the men worked like Trojans, flooding the

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eres, oak buffet, oak china cabinet, 4-
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MOST NOTABLE CHANGE WAS DRY LEGISLATION

Legal Department of Provincial
Government Saw Many In-
novations in 1917

There is nothing of a very specta-
cular nature in any Attorney-General's
Department and that branch of the
Provincial Administration presided
over by the Hon. J. W. de B. Farris is
no exception to the general rule. As
its name implies, the legal business of
the Government and the Province as a
whole, as far as Provincial legislation
is concerned, radiates from the De-
partment of the Attorney-General.

The year new closed, however, has
seen several important innovations
and alterations of system in branches
of the service coming under the im-
mediate jurisdiction of the Attorney-
General. The most outstanding mea-
sure, from the point of view of admin-
istration, is unquestionably the British
Columbia Prohibition Act, legislation
which veritably somersaulted the so-
cial fabric of the Province.

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The enforcement of the Prohibition
Act is carried out as an administrative
function of the Attorney-General's de-
partment, and the responsibility of its
active enforcement was entrusted, in
September last, to W. C. Findlay under
the titular heading of Prohibition
Commissioner. Mr. Findlay was re-
commended to the Hon. Mr. Farris by
the Executive of the British Columbia
People's Prohibition Movement and the
efficient manner in which he has dis-
charged, and is discharging, his some-
what unique duties, has been the sub-
ject of commendation from all sections
of the Province as well as from the
Attorney-General himself.

Early in the month of October, on
the first day of which the Province
entered upon its "dry" journey, Gov-
ernment liquor stores, in accordance
with the provisions of the Act were
opened in Victoria and Vancouver. These
establishments have been con-
ducted by capable officials who have
performed and are performing their
duties conscientiously and well. The
Act generally has been smooth in its
operation, with infractions compara-
tively few when the drastic nature of
the legislation is taken into account.

Police Reorganization.
The reorganization of the Depart-
ment of Provincial Police is at the
present time under way, with the new
superintendent, Mr. McKinnon, formu-
lating his plans. The proposal in brief
is to enlarge the scope of the police
duties with a view to the avoidance of
a duplication of work, and to effect an
all-essential reduction in the cost of
maintenance. It will be remembered
that as a part of the reorganization
scheme the matter of game preserva-
tion, hitherto a quite distinct branch
of the service, will be consolidated
under the wing of the Provincial
Police.

While a multiplicity of officials will
be done away with, the more compre-
hensive use of the Provincial police
officer will enable an even better game
warden system to be evolved than has
previously been the case. A closer
co-operation with all Government
Agents, who will assist in other du-
ties, such as weed inspectors, health
inspectors and the enforcement of the
Sheep Protection Act, is also part of
the plan.

Department of Labor.
As well as being the role of At-
torney-General, Hon. Mr. Farris is Min-
ister of Labor, provision for which
appointment was made during the
session of the Legislature. J. D. Mc-
Niven, an expert in all matters con-
nected with labor, was appointed a
few days ago as Deputy Minister. It
will be recalled that the creation of
this Department constitutes the first
of its kind to be adopted by any Pro-
vincial Government in the Dominion,
and so far as British Columbia is con-
cerned, such a course was deemed
necessary by reason of the nature of
her industries and the frequent demand
for prompt and decisive action, a
course not always possible otherwise
by virtue of the great distance between
the provincial and the national capi-
tals.

New Municipal Act.
Of outstanding importance to every
municipality in the Province is the re-
drafting of the special legislation in
connection with the Municipal Act,
which the Attorney-General will in-
troduce at the forthcoming session of
the Legislature. While details are not
yet complete, Mr. Farris is directing
his attention to the removal of many
objectionable features of the present
Act, now almost unworkable in many
of its sections. The work has been
undertaken at the earnest solicitation
of the Executive of the Union of
British Columbia Municipalities.

Juvenile Court.
During the past twelve months the
Attorney-General's Department has
been responsible for the establishment
of a Juvenile Court and the appoint-
ment of Mrs. McGill as woman judge
in the Juvenile Court at Vancouver.
This may be regarded as the first

runner of other changes in the In-
fants' Act, for the better care and pro-
tection of destitute and abandoned
children throughout the Province. An-
other innovation was the placing of a
woman in control of the Girls' Indus-
trial School by the appointment of
Miss Margaret Bayne as superinten-
dent. Miss Bayne is a woman of ex-
cellent capabilities and wide experi-
ence as a teacher and administrator.

TIMELY AID BY RED CROSS AT HALIFAX

Press of Stricken City Praises
Prompt Help and Efficient
Organization

Of special interest to all who real-
ize the wonderful organization and
work of the Canadian Red Cross So-
ciety, both in its basic function as an
emergency supply and in its wider
sphere of war work will be the ac-
counts published in the Halifax press
of the part played by the organiza-
tion following the Halifax disaster.

The Halifax Mail says in part:
"Hereafter the praises of the Cana-
dian Red Cross will not be left alone for
the soldiers to sing. This great organiza-
tion made possible the care of thou-
sands of wounded with a swiftness that
has saved many lives. The Canadian
Red Cross were the first to arrive on
the ground with any adequate supply
of hospital supplies, dressings, etc., and
since Saturday, December 8, all urgent
requirements of the different hospitals
have been promptly met.

H. Milburn, chairman of the medical
supplies of the Canadian Red
Cross, was in St. John when the ex-
plosion occurred. He was instructed by
the executive to act with all speed and
use every power of the organization to
assist the sufferers. Two carloads of
emergency hospital supplies were loaded
at once in St. John and by the
evening of the day of the disaster were
on the way to the stricken city. The
Technical College on Spring Garden
Road was turned into a warehouse
for the Canadian Red Cross supplies,
and literally hundreds of blankets,
shirts, packages of boots and clothing,
dressing gowns, stockings, oil heaters,
stores of all kinds, felt slippers, hot
water bags, Bovril, cocoa and many
other articles were handed out from
this temporary headquarters.

The medical supplies included all
kinds of sterilized dressings, and in
addition to the requisition for drugs
the organization was able to supply
anesthetics.

There were over three hundred ladies
at work on the second floor of the
building sewing continually, also a
staff of cutters. When the American
Red Cross units saw how effectively
the Canadian Red Cross was working,
they turned over all supplies into their
hands for distribution.

GOES TO VANCOUVER

Arthur M. Fraser Will Assume Charge
of Insurance Department.

One of Victoria's most prominent in-
surance agents, who for the past seven
years has been a resident of the Cap-
ital, will leave to-night for Vancouver
to assume charge of the insurance de-
partment of the Royal Financial Cor-
poration, Ltd. Arthur M. Fraser, for
the past three years manager of the
insurance branch of the firm of Pind-
lay, Durham & Brodie, of this city, is
well-known in Victoria's business
community. "Art," as he is known to a
large circle of friends, first entered
business in Victoria with Gillespie,
Hart & Todd. He later took charge of
the insurance agency in the firm of
Cameron Investments & Securities,
Ltd. Three years ago he became affil-
iated with Pindlay, Durham & Brodie.
"Art" Fraser is a charter member of
the Victoria Rotary Club, and in ad-
dition to having done his share in or-
ganizing the body has maintained a
keen interest in its welfare. He is
affiliated with the local Elks Club and
has taken a prominent part in ath-
letics. Basketball, ice-hockey and base-
ball are all games in which he has
indulged.

In entering upon this new sphere of
activities he will carry with him the
New Year's greetings of many Victoria
friends.

SNUFF-BOXES FOR SUGAR

Snuff boxes are said to be coming
back into fashion in England, but
with the difference that they now
contain sugar instead of snuff. The
sugar rationing is expected to make
it necessary for visitors to carry
around their own sugar and the old
tightly fitting snuff boxes, of silver,
enamel and inlaid wood are being
brought to light for this purpose.
There is said to be also a demand for
futuristic boxes with weird effects
painted on them.

The war-working wife of the Tommy
at the front was very terse with the
"nosy" lady representing some commit-
tee or other.
"Oh, you needn't worry yourself," she
said; "we're both going our bit. I'm
bearing arms, and I'm bearing mine."

Sale Starts
Wednesday,
8.30 a.m.

Gordons
739 Yates St. Phone 5510

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8.30 a.m.

10 Days' Clean-Up of Seasonable Merchandise

High-Grade Suitings and Coatings.
Regular to \$5.00, for, **\$2.49**

About 200 Yards of these High-Grade Suitings
and Coatings to clean up at about half price.
The lot includes fancy mixtures of green,
brown, grey, etc., shepherd checks and small
plaids in black and white and brown and white.
Widths 50 and 60 inches. Regular values up to
\$5.00. Clean-Up Price, yard, \$2.49.

Plain and Fancy Dress Goods. Regu-
lar to \$3.50, for, **\$1.98**

An unusually fine range of these stylish fabrics
at this price. The lot includes checks of various
sizes; stripes, plain colors and many fancy
weaves. At the present prices of wool, the
above price is certainly below cost. Widths 45
to 60 inches. Values up to \$3.50. Clean-Up
Price, yard, \$1.98.

—Dress Goods, Main Floor

Wonderful Bargains in Women's Winter Underwear

Women's Combinations in Winter weight, with
low neck, short sleeves and ankle length; Dutch
neck, half sleeves and ankle length.
Regular \$1.25. Clean-Up Price, **98c**

Women's Combinations in Winter weight, Dutch
or high neck, half or long sleeves, knee or ankle
length. Sizes 34 to 40. Regular
to \$1.75. Clean-Up Price, **\$1.29**

Superfine Quality Pesco Fine Scotch Wool and
Swiss Knitted Silk and Wool Combinations—A
few suits only in small women's sizes.
Regular \$2.75 to \$3.50. Clean-Up Price, **\$1.98**

Pesco Wool and Silk and Wool Combinations in
several styles. Sizes 35 to 44. Values
to \$5.00. Clean-Up Price, **\$3.95**

Ladies' Umbrellas. Regular
to \$7.50 for \$2.98

Ladies' Umbrellas, with silk or
fine glorio covers, and long
straight handles with plain
and fancy tips. Regular values
to \$7.50. Clean-Up Price,
\$2.98

Slightly Soiled Handker-
chiefs to Clean-Up at 6
for 19c

Ladies' Hemstitched Lawn
Handkerchiefs that are slight-
ly soiled through being used
for decorative purposes. To
clean up at 6 for 19c.

—Handkerchiefs, Main Floor

Odd Lines of Neckwear to
Clear Out at 25c

150 Pieces of Neckwear in
seater, round and shoulder
point effects. Materials are
Georgette crepe, Tussah silk,
organdie, pique and muslin.
Also Collar and Cuff Sets.
Regular to \$1.25. Clean-Up
Price, 25c.

Your Opportunity to Save on Stamped Articles

Stamped and Tinted Cushion Tops of tan and
cream colored crash. Conventional and cross
stitch designs. Regular 25c. Clean-Up **25c**

Bureau and Buffet Scarfs, stamped on cream
colored crash in dainty and simple designs for
embroidering. Size 18x35. Reg.
50c. Clean-Up Price **39c**

Work Bags—All made up of tan linen. Simple
designs for embroidering. Regular 60c.
Clean-Up Price **49c**

Boudoir Caps—Stamped on pink and white cot-
ton voile. Regular 25c. Clean-Up
Price **10c**

Stamped Oddments in Linen and Pique—The lot
consists of Pincushions, Collars, Carriage Cov-
ers, Baby Pillows and Aprons. Reg.
to 75c. Clean-Up Price **25c**

Infants' Dresses—Stamped on linen finished lawn
in dainty designs for eyelet and solid embroi-
dery. Regular 75c and \$1.00. Clean-
Up Price **69c**

Children's Dresses—Stamped on white pique and
lawn in dainty designs. Sizes 2, 4 and 6 years.
Regular 65c and 75c. Clean-
Up Price **50c**

—Art Needlework, Main Floor

Two Bargains in Satin Ribbons

Single and Double-Faced Ribbons, in 5 and 5 1/2
inches wide. Many shades to choose from.

Original values 50c and 65c. Clean-
Up Price, Yard, **29c**

Silk and Satin Ribbons, 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide;
various shades. Regular values 17 1/2 to 35c.
Clean-Up Price, **14c**

Clean-Up Prices on Ladies' Gloves

Ladies' Fine Glace Kid Gloves, Dent's make; white
black and tan, also tan with black points, and
black with white points; two-fingered at wrist.
Regular \$1.75. Clean-Up **\$1.39**

Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, in black, white and
grey, with neatly sewn seams and two-dome
fasteners. Regular 55c values. Clean-
Up Price, pair **49c**

—Gloves, Main Floor

The Staple Department Offers Many Bargains for the Clean-Up Sale

Our January Sale gives you an exceptional op-
portunity to secure a supply of winter necessities
at big price reductions—it will pay you to visit
the Staple Section.

We mention a few of the bargains:

26 only of these White Flannelette Blankets—
Very warm and durable. Regular \$1.50
each. Clean-Up Price, Each, **98c**

18 only, Large White Flannelette Blankets—Ex-
ceptionally nice grade. Regular
\$2.65 each. Clean-Up Price, Each, **\$1.98**

60 only of these useful Brown Blankets—Strong
and warm. Regular 98c each. Clean-
Up Price **69c**

12 only of this well-known Beacon Blanket. They
come in pretty art blue and green, with floral
fashion border; also in fawn and white, and blue
and white check design. They are very warm
and exceedingly soft and comfortable. Size 72x
60. Regular \$4.95 to \$6.75 each.
Clean-Up Price, each, \$4.95 and **\$3.95**

18 only of these Bath Robe Blankets, in light and
dark colorings; floral and Indian designs. Very
choice elder-flower fabric. Size 72x90. Complete
with cords and girdle. Regular
\$7.50 each. Clean-Up Price, each, **\$5.95**

280 yards, Very Heavy Elder-Fleece Fabric for
Bath Robes and Kimonos, in light and dark
colors and Indian designs; 27 ins. wide
Reg. 75c yard. Clean-Up Price, Yard, **59c**

200 Yards, Striped Flannelettes, light and dark
colorings; suitable for children's wear. These
are offered at less than the maker's price to-
day. 27 inches wide. Regular 18c yard.
Clean-Up Price, Yard, **16c**

10 dozen of these Towels—Fine Terry weave;
cream ground with red and blue stripes.
Reg. each 65c. Clean-Up Price, Each, **46c**

10 pairs, Heavy Wool Blankets—Very durable;
weight 8 lbs.; size 60x80. Reg.
pair, \$9.90. Clean-Up Price, Pair, **\$7.65**

6 pairs only, Heavy Wool Blankets—Same grade;
weight 8 lbs.; size 68x86. Regular, pair,
\$12.00. Clean-Up
Price, Pair **\$10.25**

8 pairs only, Finer Grade Wool Blankets—Very
warm. Size 72x84. Regular, pair, **\$11.65**

13.75. Clean-Up Price, Pair, **\$2.69**

15 only, Full Size Cotton Filled Bed Comforters,
covered art silkoline; very warm and comfort-
able. Size 70x76. Regular \$3.25.
Clean-Up Price, Each **\$2.69**

10 only, Comforters—Down filled, ventilated and
covered with best quality down-proof art sa-
teens; beautifully panelled in China blue, old
rose, moss green and black, with effective
reverse. Size 64x72. Regular \$10.00.
Clean-Up Price, Each, **\$8.45**